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ALEXANDRA BITZAS, who became an American citizen last month, was accompanied to the polls on Election Day by her son, Town Councilor George Bitzas.

After Becoming An American Citizen...

Alexandra Bitzas Is A 1st-Time Voter At The Age Of 98

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

She's lived through two World Wars and the civil war in her native land of Greece.

During World War II, she saw her husband Philip, a Greek Orthodox priest, convince the Germans to spare their village from burning in reprisal for partisan activities. And after the war, she helped him escape death more than once at the hands of Communist insurgents crossing the border from Albania.

She's raised six children and has 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Two of her children (and their families) remain in Greece; four emigrated to the United States, became U.S. citizens, and live in Massachusetts with their families.

At an age when most people are thinking about retiring, she was thinking about starting a new life. In 1968, she joined two of her children in emigrating to the United States, six years after the death of her husband.

Born in 1901, Alexandra Bitzas has lived a life full of accomplishments, joy, and sorrow. It's a long way from being the young village girl who never rode a bus until after she was married to becoming the matriarch of a transatlantic clan. Justifiably, she is proud of all that she's done along the way.

But, her proudest moment may have come just

a month after traveling to Faneuil Hall in Boston to take the oath as an American citizen in October.

On Election Day (November 3rd), Mrs. Bitzas took a shorter, but no less momentous, trip. Accompanied by her son, Town Councilor George Bitzas, Alexandra Bitzas stood in line at James Clark School (refusing offers to cut to the head of the line) and, at age 98, cast her vote for the first time since leaving Greece 30 years ago.

Fulfilling A Dream...

"I am very happy to have accomplished becoming a citizen. I have accomplished many things in my life, but now I have fulfilled my last dream — to vote. In Greece, voting is mandatory. There you wait for hours in line and I don't understand why everyone doesn't vote here. I am so happy to be able to participate — better late than never," Mrs. Bitzas said as George Bitzas translated.

"It's always been her dream to be able to go into the polls and vote for me," Bitzas said. "I'll probably have to run for council again to make her dream come true."

Voting was something Mrs. Bitzas thought she would never be allowed to do because the language barrier prevented her from taking the

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State Fire Marshal Has No Say In Berkshire Appeal

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Last week, Berkshire Power lost round one in their appeal of Town Council's denial of a license to store 500,000 gallons of fuel oil at the power plant under construction on Moylan Lane.

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan dismissed Berkshire Power's request for an appeal on the grounds that his office lacks jurisdiction in the case.

In a letter sent to the Boston law firm representing the power developers, Coan explains that his office is given authority to consider appeals from the decisions of the local licensing agency, only if the appeal presents a direct question of fire or explosion hazard.

Coan writes, "Upon a review of the records that you forwarded to my office, it appears that the final decision of the Agawam City Council was based on a variety of different reasons. The State Fire Marshal does not have broad appellate authority to review each and every decision ... particularly if the decision is based upon a variety of different reasons unrelated to a direct question of a fire or explosive hazard."

Town Council President Donald M. Rheault said the fire marshal's action was "one of the first times the state has listened to and acted on the concerns of Agawam."

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School Offers Help In Dealing With Teen's Death

The tragic death of 16 year-old Ashley Turniak on Monday morning has left her friends at Agawam High School in shock and the school's administration spent the day on Tuesday offering grief counseling. A special session was held in the school's cafeteria for those students who could not attend class because of the tragedy.

At presstime, law officials are still investigating the death of the Feeding Hills resident, who was a member of the Class of 2000. She was either pushed, fell, or jumped from the passenger side of a car traveling down Route 91 in Longmeadow at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, according to published reports.

She arrived at the school at about 7:20 a.m. but did not sign in and did not attend her first class, according to school officials. How she ended up in a brown or blue car traveling down Route 91 was uncertain at presstime.

Published reports said she died of injuries sustained in the fall.

Agawam High Guidance Counselor Judy Cohen submitted the following article to help students deal with their grief.

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TRAGEDY AT AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL...

Unfortunately, another tragedy has befallen an Agawam student, Ashley Turniak. She tragically died on November 9th, leaving students, teachers, and administrators shocked and saddened. To deal with the devastating news, counselors met with students in the cafeteria, allowing them to vent, to feel, to discuss, and to listen.

People really do not know how to grieve. The idea of death is taboo, so no one gives grieving a thought until someone dies. Even then, terms are used such as passed away, gone, or left; the word died is seldom evoked. To help you and your youngsters deal with the grieving process, I am including the following information.

It is important to allow yourself time to mourn. This is an important part of the grieving process; without allowing yourself time to feel, it will be truly difficult for you to heal.

You will find that each person mourns and grieves in his own way. Each person is an individual and will bring this individuality to the grieving process. Some will be numb, some will feel chilled, some will cry out, and some will become very quiet. There is no right way to grieve; therefore, the caregiver should be patient with the distressed person and not judge him.

Talking about your grief openly will help. Let your head and heart speak. Look for a good friend, parent, teacher, counselor, and/or sibling who will LISTEN. You don't necessarily want to hear what they have to say; instead, as the one who is grieving, you need to be HEARD.

You will experience all different emotions. Actually, grieving does not make sense; it happens in your heart. Your head can rationalize, yet your heart won't accept it, so you are filled with confusion. Be gentle with yourself.

There are basically four stages in the grief process:

1. You feel numb and lost. This really serves a valuable purpose since it allows your heart to

catch up with what your head knows to be true. It gives you time to accept the reality of the situation.

2. When numbness leaves, reality sets in. During this time, it is healthy to share your feelings with others. Let your feelings come.

3. Healing starts and you begin to feel better, yet at times you will still be upset. Just when you think you have a good handle on things, you may be overwhelmed with grief again. Hang in there, and take one day at a time. Some days you may feel guilty, some days you may feel angry. These feelings are normal. By allowing them to be felt, you are helping yourself to heal.

4. Finally, there is light at the end of the tunnel. You have survived. You realize that you have changed through dealing with the grieving process; you have learned how to cope. You can face the future with confidence, knowing that you will never forget the loved one who has died, but you now can go forward and live.

Throughout the whole process, treasure the memories that you have of the deceased. They are the legacies that will always remain. By sharing them, you will keep the memory of the deceased alive.

The following poem (author unknown) was shared with the students:

Miss Me, But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room!
Why cry for a soul set free!
Miss me a little — but not too long
And not with your head bowed low!
Remember the love that we once shared.
Miss me, but let me go.
Each must travel alone
This journey we each will take
It's all a part of life's plan
A passage we each will make.
When you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,
Miss me, but let me go.

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For photo coverage in The AAN, contact photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053; however, please give him at least 48 hours' notice prior to your event.

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DPW Reminds Residents Of Winter Parking Regulations

The Agawam Department of Public Works wishes to advise residents of the ordinances regulating on-street winter parking between November 15th and April 15th.

The Department of Public Works has been empowered to declare on-street parking bans for the purpose of snow and ice removal and tow any vehicle parked on streets in violation of these bans. Any person whose vehicle is removed is responsible for the cost of towing and storage and is subject to an additional fine in the amount of \$25.

It is the intent of the Department of Public Works to declare bans against any on-street parking whenever a snowstorm of plowable magnitude is forecast. Residents should tune to local radio and television stations.

In order for the Department to efficiently and effectively clear snow, it is important that no vehicles be parked on the streets. Parked vehicles result in ridges of snow and ice that reduces the travelled width of the roadway and endangers the public. Costly repaving is required to clear the residue. Residents should be forewarned that the Department will remove vehicles violating any parking ban.

Residents are also advised that it is their responsibility to remove snow and control ice on the sidewalks in front of their homes and businesses. Sidewalks must be cleared of snow within 24 hours of the end of a storm.

The Department of Public Works is only empowered to plow sidewalks on major streets where children are required to walk to school.

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Agawam Police Department will hold a public hearing on November 27, 1998 at 6:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss use of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds.

By Order of Robert Campbell, Chief of Police
Agawam Police Department

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-George Moore



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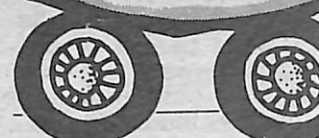
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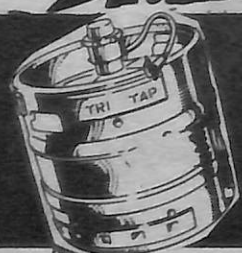
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Letters To The Editor

AHS's Marching Mohawks Deserve Congratulations

To The Editor:

On Sunday, November 8th, I had the opportunity to travel to Boston to watch the Agawam High School Marching Mohawks compete in the New England Scholastic Band Association Marching Band Championship Finals.

Bands from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Maine took the field at Boston University in order to compete with one another.

It was a very enjoyable day for anyone fortunate enough to have attended!

As a parent of a Colorguard member of the band, I was very impressed and proud of our band's outstanding performance. They showed great enthusiasm and spirit, and I thank each and every one of them for a wonderful performance.

As a result, Agawam won a first-place trophy and a superior standing!

With all the trouble we hear about in today's society, we need to remember that there are a lot of wonderful young people out there who deserve our support and respect.

The Agawam High School Marching Mohawks clearly exhibited a lot of school spirit and are to be congratulated for their dedication and hard work.

Sincerely,
Sue Russo
Feeding Hills

Rep. Keenan Says "Thank You" For Your Support

To The Editor:

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your support in re-electing me as your State Representative. I realize that you have put your faith and trust in me to be your voice in the Legislature.

It is a responsibility which I take seriously. I will continue to act in a manner which I hope makes you proud that I am your State Representative.

Sincerely,
Daniel F. Keenan

A "Playscape Mystery" Now Exists In Town Of Agawam

To The Editor:

WHO: The four elementary schools created a team (AEPC) to make the dream of new playscapes a reality.

WHAT: To furnish the four elementary schools with desperately needed, updated playscapes.

WHEN: On November 22, 1997, the goal of \$40,000 was reached by the AEPC's final fundraiser — an auction of donated goods and services.

WHY: Because the schools needed replacement playground equipment and this group of parents took the initiative to make it happen.

WHERE: ??? This is the mystery — where are the new playscapes? Can anyone (from Town

Hall) explain to the waiting children of Agawam where are the four new playscapes? Can anyone give a projected start date and completion date?

Cathy Blood
Agawam

It's Time For Agawam Residents To "Wake Up"

To The Editor:

It's been a long time since I've written an editorial, simply because I'm disgusted with the way the TOWN has been run by Mayor Johnson and his "PUPPETS," the famous four: Bitzas, Simpson, Thompson, and Taylor.

The town voted Taylor out; his attitude was just like the Mayor's, dictatorial. This Berkshire Power really reeks of corruption. Think, residents, who pushed for this the hardest?

It makes my family wonder.

Bitzas speaks with forked tongue. His editorial was a joke.

These "CLOWNCIL" members and the "PUP-MASTER" denied the citizens the right to vote on this behemoth moving into the "TOWN." They accepted it outright because the Mayor said so.

The election — the count was so close for the Mayor and Berkshire Power that I had doubts about the true figures because I was directed to a voting machine that had been malfunctioning. I didn't see the question for BP. It either wasn't there or so small it couldn't be seen.

When I saw the results tallying in, I called Stieg's campaign HQS, and informed them of this machine. It could have been enough lost votes to swing the election. It's no wonder voters stay home.

The Johnson regime made us the laughing stock of the State of Massachusetts. Did they ever stop and think how they embarrassed the citizens? I doubt it.

No matter how you look at it, Johnson, this will always stay a town. The voters said so. You've tried to turn it; you have in a way. Since you've run the town, our schools dropped, we had an increase in crime, drugs, robberies, and murders (one still unsolved).

Why do we need all these supermarkets, drugstores, and gas stations?

If you claim it's growth, it's not. Each one is struggling to survive.

Your first and foremost high priority in your first term was DPW. I challenged you, big companies were downsizing, thousands laid off.

Guess what? It's still in the same place. Other projects of your liking took off, including a golf course. You took land by eminent domain, put a person with two handicapped kids out of business, his place of home, and income. Did you care?

Steve's Vegetable Stand at the River Road-Main Street intersection, you closed down. The several cars that pulled in were causing a problem?

Let's talk about RIVERSIDE.

I served on the APD auxiliary for five years and I know the law.

During one of Riverside's fiascos, with meat and ice cream in my car, I pulled over to a breakdown lane to get to my street, which is off Main St. Here comes a gung-ho rookie, lights flashing, pulls me over to inform me I broke the law by using a breakdown lane, while my ice cream was melting, meat developing e-coli, because Agawam can't handle this traffic on Main St., after I sat in traffic for one-and-a-half hours. Johnson, get real.

Hooray, Riverside can use both breakdown lanes, with orange cones. That makes it legal for outsiders coming to the park to break the law! Pull them all over, rookies. Give them \$100 tickets. What big money the town can make.

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test to become a naturalized citizen. At least, that's what the family believed.

But, George uncovered a provision of federal law that permits immigrants aged 55 and older who have been living here for 15 years to take the test in their native language. Then it was a simple matter of tutoring his mother in the basics of the American political system, he said.

Having helped work on her son's campaigns for Town Council helped Mrs. Bitzas in understanding the way the government operates and in making her decision to register as an independent. That way, she can vote for the person and the idea rather than the party, Mrs. Bitzas said.

"My mother loves this country. She came here with my older brother and they saw good opportunities for young people to excel — a land where everyone can be whatever they want if they work hard. She never worked outside the home, but she always worked hard and believes that hard work extends longevity," Bitzas said.

For the last 18 years, she's lived with George and Peggy Bitzas and their three children. She's had to pass along the tradition of making Greek specialty foods, like the baklava for George's campaign dinners, to the younger generation.

Failing eyesight has forced her to slow down a bit. But, she's an active member of the Over 60 Club at St. George's Cathedral in Springfield, and she loves nothing better than going out and socializing, her son said.

No Regrets...

Looking back on her long life, Mrs. Bitzas had no regrets. "It was a hard and dangerous life and, fortunately, we all survived the war," Mrs. Bitzas said. "My husband and I were lucky there were people who tried to help us, but we went through hell. I have nothing to regret. I had a good husband and a good family. What happened, happened; but we had a good life together even in those hard times," Mrs. Bitzas said.

George wasn't surprised by his mother's convictions. It's the sort of thing she has always believed and lived by, even during the hard times of the civil war when she clutched her children as they watched a neighbor's house destroyed by a firebomb, or when her oldest son narrowly escaped execution by the Communists.

"My mother never gives up," Bitzas said. "She taught us to have hope and to go forward."

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BERKSHIRE APPEAL - from Page 1...

After receiving notice of Berkshire Power's intention to appeal the council's 8-3 vote denying an oil storage permit, Rheault sent a letter to the fire marshal citing several concerns of the council members relating to the transportation of the oil, the safety of school children along the delivery route, the intended route through the industrial park, and problems with Berkshire Power's evacuation plan.

Noting the failure of the previous Town Council to gain the status to intervene in the state permitting process (when Berkshire Power won an override of local zoning), Rheault said, "This time, we took the bull by the horns and you can see the results."

Not A Setback

Berkshire Power General Manager Frank Basile said the fire marshal's action was not a setback for the \$185 million project, nor was it unexpected. Basile said the appeal to the fire marshal was the first step in the appeal process and that company attorneys are continuing their appeal to the state Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB).

"We wanted to exhaust all avenues of appeal and we are continuing our appeal to the EFSB," Basile said. "This is going to be a six-month process and we feel optimistic that things will go well for us on that."

Basile said the company hopes to be given permission from the EFSB to store oil as a backup fuel before the plant begins commercial operations as scheduled on Labor Day next September.

"Hopefully, we'll get our permit from the EFSB by the beginning of June 1999. We'd like to test (the plant) on fuel oil prior to going commercial, but we won't be needing the oil at least until the winter when severe weather may require us to switch from gas firing to oil firing," Basile said.

Vowing to fight any attempts to override the council's decision, Rheault said he does not believe the EFSB, as an agency of the executive branch of government, has the authority to overturn the decision of the council, which is part of the legislative branch of government.

"We are the licensing authority and we don't want it," Rheault said. "What authority do they have to override a licensing authority? If necessary, we'll file legislation with State Rep. Dan Keenan that local zoning should be in local control."

Berkshire Power has already received state approval to run the power plant on fuel oil rather than natural gas for 30 days each year. The company maintains it is their intention to burn fuel oil only if the supply of natural gas is interrupted during the coldest months of the year.

Be sure to check our classifieds in each edition...

LETTERS - from Page 4...

Now, we deal with the police chief, showing favoritism when a police rookie stopped a driver who had been drinking. What are you doing about this, Mr. Mayor? Our justice system has gone to the dogs, unless you have big connections.

Johnson, you've taken credit for hard-earned work by others in Agawam, which you weren't even involved with.

Johnson, you're not without fault. You're not perfect. You also have a male dominance problem. In your position, you control officials or anyone else that can put you in your place. Some things can't stay hidden. Look at Washington. People talk!

Wake up, Agawam. He's sold us all out to Berkshire Power. They now run our "TOWN," disregard our good council members' decision, override the votes, and tell Agawam what to do.

If you take away the puppets, we have some good people on the council. Back them. Next election, get rid of the ones you now know who sold us out.

I moved here because of the beauty of the "TOWN" and watched it turn into a mess. Johnson, please move on. Try your hand in a real city. You've just about destroyed a once great and beautiful place to live.

We never locked our doors. Since you, watching undesirables come down a quiet, dead-end street, we've installed ADT. This should tell you something.

The elderly couple on River Road, beaten with a

2x4, robbed; do you think you have established a good record?

Reading the article about evaluations on property, questioned why Feeding Hills is valued more than Agawam, assessed at a higher value. The Assessor's office should be investigated. This makes no sense.

We sit with a piece of property that is assessed at \$6,000. It used to be assessed at \$300. It is a useless piece of wetland. We can't build on it or fill it in. The beavers have created a stinking mess with their dam. The DPW keeps coming up to break it up.

With the request of non-property owners, the town came on our property, bulldozed the growth beyond the treebelt, and worked without our permission. I questioned the worker and asked what he was doing. As he worked, he snapped a guide wire. We almost lost cable, telephone, and electricity as the wire snapped a pole in half.

The evaluation was appealed and denied. On a previous evaluation on this property, we appealed the increase. It was granted. We still have the documents. Who makes the decisions?

Ms. Book, you write a lot like I used to. I'm surprised you weren't told to move to Russia like I was by one of Johnson's cronies.

I saw through him six months after he was in office. It's his way or no way. He could care less what the residents want. The voters who could make a difference stay home on Election Day.

Wake up, Agawam.

June T. Boissonault
Agawam

Post Office Suggests Following Holiday Mail Dates For Military And International Mail

The Agawam Post Office has announced the following suggested mail dates for the holiday season. Beat the last-minute rush and bring your mail to your U.S. post office or APO/FPO military post office by the following dates:

Military mail (air letters, cards, and Priority) addressed to the following should be brought to the post office by **December 3rd**: APO/FPO AE ZIPs 090-097; APO/FPO AE ZIPs 098; APO/FPO AA ZIPs 340; and APO/FPO AP ZIPs.

U.S. Domestic ZIP Codes (air letters, cards, and Priority) should be brought to the post office by **December 5th**.

Parcel Airlift (PAL) and Space Available (SAM) military mail should be mailed no later than **November 21st**. Surface military mail, no later than **November 1st**.

U.S. Domestic ZIP Codes Space Available (SAM) mail should be sent no later than

December 1st.

International mail should be sent as follows:

Africa: **December 3rd** (air letters & cards, Air Parcel Post), **October 26th** (surface); Australia/New Zealand: **December 10th** (air letters & cards), **December 3rd** (Air Parcel Post), **November 3rd** (surface); Canada: **December 14th** (air letters & cards, Air Parcel Post), **November 27th** (surface); Caribbean: **December 10th** (air letters & cards, Air Parcel Post), **November 13th** (surface).

Europe: **December 10th** (air letters & cards, Air Parcel Post), **November 13th** (surface); Far East/Southeast Asia: **December 10th** (air letters & cards, Air Parcel Post), **November 6th** (surface); Middle East: **December 10th** (air letters & cards, Air Parcel Post), **October 30th** (surface); Central & South America: **December 3rd** (air letters & cards, Air Parcel Post), **November 6th** (surface).

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— Agawam Obituaries —

Ashley A. Turniak

Ashley A. Turniak, 16, of Feeding Hills, a student at Agawam High School, died Monday, November 9th, in Longmeadow after being fatally injured in a fall from a car.

In a statement released on Tuesday, November 10th, Hampden County District Attorney William M. Bennett said an autopsy determined she had died from injuries sustained from the fall out of the vehicle on Interstate 91 in Longmeadow. The statement said that she jumped, fell, or was pushed out of the vehicle. The circumstances surrounding her death are still under investigation.

A popular student, she also worked as a dietary aide at Heritage Hall and at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Agawam before moving to Feeding Hills 11 years ago. She was a junior at Agawam High School.

A onetime Brownie Scout, she was active in dance, karate, and gymnastics. She was also nominated for "Who's Who Among High School Students."

She leaves her mother, Annette Turniak, and co-mother, Susanne Connor, both of Feeding Hills; a stepbrother, Sean Connor of Springfield; and her grandfather, Edward Turniak of Chestnut Ridge, New York.

The funeral will be held on Friday morning, November 13th, at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial at the convenience of the family. Calling hours were scheduled for the afternoon and evening of Thursday, November 12th.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Animal Shelter, 171 Union Street, Springfield, MA 01105, or any other charity.

Theodore J. Cusson

Theodore J. Cusson, 67, of 42 Frederic Street, Springfield, a retired letter carrier for the United States Postal Service, died at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He worked for the Agawam Post Office for 30 years, retiring in 1990. He had also worked for Milton Bradley for 12 years.

Born in Bellingham, Massachusetts, he moved to Agawam in 1941 and to Springfield 23 years ago.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean conflict, and was a member of the 187th Regimental Combat Team Association, the New England Chapter of the 187th Regimental Combat Team Association, and a member of the Chicopee Sportsmen Club.

He leaves his wife, the former Rose C. Brooks; three sons, Lawrence T. Cusson and Ronald B. Cusson, both of Nashville, Tennessee, and Stewart L. Cusson of Orlinda, Tennessee; a stepson, Robert A. Demers of Springfield; two step-

daughters, Diane G. Eaton of Haddam, Connecticut, and Julia R. McVeigh of Harrah, Oklahoma; three brothers, Robert W. of Southwick, Harvey E. of Feeding Hills, and Louis R. of Honeoye, New York; three sisters, Lucille E. Remington of Agawam, and Lorraine H. Paro and Marlene J. Page, both of Feeding Hills; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA 01040, or to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9A, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Emily J. Hutchinson

Emily J. (Hull) Hutchinson, 92, of 209 Meadow Street, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She worked at Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. and in the main office of the Growers Outlet food chain for 10 years. She was previously a Sunday school teacher for 30 years.

She and her husband, Harold L. Hutchinson, owned and operated a dry goods store on State Street, Springfield, from 1948 to 1952.

A lifelong resident of Agawam, she attended the former Technical High School and the Stockbridge School of Agriculture (now the University of Massachusetts).

She attended the Congregational Church and was active with the Friendly Workers and the Ladies Aid Society.

Her husband died in 1990.

She leaves a son, Alvord C. of Agawam; a daughter, Shirley Pike of West Springfield; a sister, Edith LaFrancis of Fairfield, Iowa; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the church, with burial in Center Cemetery. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 745 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Meredith M. Bowen

Meredith M. (Reed) Bowen, 90, of 184 River Road, Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

She was an office clerk for Riverside Park for many years.

Born in Cambridge, she lived in Holyoke and Agawam most of her life.

Her husband, Milton Bowen, died in 1982.

A private graveside service was scheduled to be held in Agawam Center Cemetery. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Arnold F. Woods, Jr.

Arnold F. Woods, Jr., 71, of Tatham Hill Road, West Springfield, an area actor and theatrical leader, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Chicopee, he lived in West Springfield for 20 years and was a graduate of Cathedral High School.

He was a World War II Navy veteran and a member of Knights of Columbus Council 69.

A professional actor, he was active in community theatrical groups and at the Mount Holyoke Theater Tent and the New Century Theater in Northampton.

He was the president of the Agawam Repertory Theater and directed some of its productions. He also acted in local television commercials.

He was a communicant and lector at St. Thomas Apostolate Church.

He leaves his wife of 51 years, Lorraine (Beaudoin) Woods; two sons, Arnold F. Woods III and David Woods, both of Danvers; a brother, Thomas of Westfield; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Grise Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Anna V. Schneider-Lane

Anna V. (Massa) Schneider-Lane, 80, of 84 Oak Hill Avenue, Agawam, died recently at home.

She worked in the public schools' lunch program for 20 years.

Born in Agawam, she was a 1936 graduate of Agawam High School.

A communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church, she belonged to the Golden Agers and the Senior Center.

She leaves her husband, Herbert W. Lane; a son, Gary W. Schneider of Agawam; a daughter, Jeanne E. Gagliarducci of Somers; three stepdaughters, Harriet U. McTeague of Lowell, Deborah J. Lane of Wellesley, and Melanie M. Donahue of Chelmsford; a sister, Carla King of Southwick; five grandchildren; and six step-grandchildren.

Her first husband, Harry W. Schneider, died in 1988.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with burial at St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Western Massachusetts, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

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Veterans' Corner... Reflections On Veterans' Day

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

REFLECTIONS:

"When you observe Veterans' Day, consider this: when the guns of World War I were first fired, in August of 1914, the world believed that war would be over in months. On November 11, 1918, the armistice was signed. During the intervening period, there were 9,000,000 military and civilian fatalities. An average of 6,000 deaths a day, for 1,500 days."

PROMISE FOR LIFETIME HEALTHCARE:

Over the years, many military retirees, as well as World War II veterans, have been upset about a promise they say they were given by the military. The following is an excerpt from the November issue of "WHAT EVERY VETERAN SHOULD KNOW":

"A federal judge's decision in June could force the government to disprove retirees' contention that pre-56 laws and regulations guaranteed them free health care for life. The case is one of two now in court trying to force the government to keep what retirees believe is a broken promise. Despite the victory, a court battle will be tough to win. Retirees must still prove that those old laws and regulations constituted a binding contract between career service members and the government."

"If legally binding commitments were made, the task force envisioned by Rep. Jo Ann Emerson, a freshman Republican (MO), would recommend steps so such promises are kept. ... The proposal includes a 12-member task force to review commitments made to service members about lifetime medical care and determine what exactly was promised and whether the promises were binding. It would have one year to complete a review."

"Under the proposal, nine task force members would be appointed by Congress. The other three members would be from the Department of Defense, Veterans' Affairs, and Health and Human Services."

Due to several inquiries of this nature, I did post the question to Congressman Neal regarding promises made to World War II veterans advising them that their country would take care of their future medical needs. His office was unable to come up with anything in writing to substantiate this promise.

Maybe if a task force is assigned the specific duty of checking military laws and regulations, this issue could be settled once and for all. Any additional information received will be shared with our readers.

This week, we continue with our Honor Roll listing of Korean War era veterans whose Home of Record is Agawam. The following list contains those veterans whose last names begin with the letter "M."

If your name is not on this list and you served during the Korean War era and can substantiate that you lived in Agawam when you entered the military, please contact our office (Veterans' Services) at Agawam Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236/237.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS - "M"

Robert A. Macey, David J. MacPhail, Kenneth E. MacPhail, Armand E. Maheu, Aurius J. Maheu, Jr., Eugene E. Maheu, Warren M. Maheu, Francis G. Mahoney, Wallace E. Malley, Everett L. Manchester, Arthur J. Marshall, Jr., Gerald F. Martin, Albert G. Matt, Stanley R. Matus, Jr., Joan P. Mawhinnie, George Mazza, Derry A. McCarthy, Francis R. McCarthy.

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Ruth C. Bitzas' column, "Veterans' Corner," is a regular feature of the Advertiser News...

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Agawam Town Council's Regular Meeting Agenda For Monday, November 16th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 11/4/98
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances.
None.
7. Report of Council Committees
None.
8. Elections
None.
9. Public Hearings
(a)
1. PH-98-8-(PE-98-3)-Group Petition, Art. 8, Sec. 8-1(b)(Second Hand Motor Vehicles)(Pres.

Rheault)(Conduct Public Hearing).
10. Old Business

- (a)
1. TOR-98-5-An Ordinance to Amend Art. II of Ch. 114 of the Code of the Town of Agawam Entitled Second Hand Motor Vehicles and to Delete Regulation No. 1 of the Rules & Regulations of the Agawam Town Council (Submitted by the Agawam Rules Comm.)(Tabled on 9/21/98 - Left on table 10/19/98)(2nd Reading).
2. TO-98-40-Approval of Class I & Class II Dealer Licenses for 1999 (Coun. Bitzas).
3. TO-98-41-Transfer-\$16,400 from Salary Reserve Fund (16605-57350) to the following accounts: Police - Salaries - \$15,900 (12101-51010) and Police - Roll Call - \$500 (12101-51110)(Mayor).

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Joshua A. Lightcap Earns USCG Letter Of Commendation

Joshua A. Lightcap, a fireman in the United States Coast Guard, recently received a letter of commendation from USCG Captain R.E. Bennis, Commander of Coast Guard Activities in New York.

In the letter (dated October 15, 1998), Captain Bennis stated, "I note with pride and am pleased to commend you (Joshua A. Lightcap) for your performance of duty while serving aboard USCGC STURGEON BAY (WTGB 109) from June 1997 to October 1998."

Lightcap rapidly came up to speed in the Engineering Department, qualifying as an Inport Security Watchstander, Inport Oiler, Underway Oiler, and Small Boat Engineer, all within the first four months of reporting aboard. His rapid qualifications ensure STURGEON BAY, an "optimally manned" cutter, was able to successfully complete her missions.

Lightcap performed above the call of duty on numerous occasions by standing six-hour watches, and during a few missions stood "back to back" six-hour watches to cover for his shipmates who became seasick. According to the letter of commendation, his "exceptional attitude and tireless performance were examples of devotion to duty for the rest of the crew to emulate."

During STURGEON BAY'S 1998 Dockside Availability, Lightcap was the lead inspector for the engine room bilge cleaning project, the fuel oil tank cleaning project, and the installation of the Aqueous Film Forming Foam System in Auxiliary One. Through his diligence, he helped ensure these three projects (valued at \$17,100) were completed in accordance with the contract.

During a recent trip to Cape May in support of the Recruit Sponsor Program, Lightcap was chosen to address a group of over 100 recruits on the expectations of Coast Guard life after Recruit Training due to his exceptional initiative and pro-



USCG FIREMAN JOSHUA A. LIGHTCAP

fessional appearance. His obvious sincerity while relating his experiences and upbeat, professional attitude left a lasting impression on the recruits, and brought praise to STURGEON BAY from the Training Center's Commanding Officer.

According to Captain Bennis, "Lightcap has been commended for his outstanding performance of duty, and by his meritorious service, he has upheld the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard."

After receiving this letter, Lightcap was hereby authorized "to wear the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar. The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized."

Lightcap is currently undergoing machinist's training at the Coast Guard school in Yorktown, Virginia. A member of Agawam High School's class of 1996, he is the son of Tom and Ellen Lightcap of Feeding Hills.

Agawam Parish Assoc. Seeks Support For Thanksgiving Dinner

The newly-formed Agawam Parish Association is sponsoring a Community Thanksgiving Dinner to be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The churches of the Agawam community have come together as one body to prepare and serve this Thanksgiving meal to anyone in the Agawam community who wants to be with their neighbors on this special day.

Meals will be delivered to shut-ins, on-duty firefighters, police officers, and to those with family members in area hospitals. Transportation for those who need a ride to the dinner will be provided.

The meal is free to all. Volunteers will prepare and serve the dinner. Donations of money, turkeys, and desserts are needed. Food donations may be delivered to Feeding Hills Congregational Church (tel: 786-5061).

Checks may be made payable to the **Agawam Parish Association**, c/o FHCC, P.O. Box 264, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Volunteers may call Art Theobald at 789-4271. For rides and home delivery, call Carol at 786-1912. For more information, contact Rev. Rob Donaldson, Feeding Hills Congregational Church, at 786-5061.

American Legion Auxiliary Holds Fall Conferences

An Eastern Division workshop was held October 23rd-25th in Waterbury, Connecticut, at which members and officers from American Legion Auxiliary units in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York attended.

Representatives from Auxiliary Unit 185 of Agawam were President Mary Ellen Morissette, Senior Vice-President Kris Henson, Past County Director Peg Brown, President County Director Claire Opell, and other personnel.

At this workshop, those in attendance were shown how to continue on with their work and how to handle monies that are donated to them.

From November 6th-8th, the Auxiliary's yearly fall conference was held at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel in Burlington, Massachusetts.

Morissette, Henson, Brown, Past Directors, Terri Balboni (as a page), Peg Kachon, and other officers and members also attended from all districts.

Raffles were held, as well as speeches on chairmanships and what our members are doing on them. Information was relayed regarding collections for stamps and tabs from cans.

Monies collected from various Auxiliary fundraisers are used for the benefit of children and youth, Girls' State, and POW/MIA.

Membership challenges were carried out, and District 6 won its challenge.

The next target date for Auxiliary Unit 185 is December 30th. Those who haven't sent in their dues, please send them to Kris Henson, Senior Vice-President, c/o American Legion Unit 185, Springfield Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Genesis ElderCare To Sponsor T'ai Chi Program For Seniors

The Genesis Center for Health & Rehabilitation, in conjunction with Heritage Woods, is pleased to sponsor a beginner's T'ai Chi program for people 55 years of age and older.

The program includes instruction on the following: Crane, Ten Guiding Points of T'ai Chi Ch'uan, Master Eight Chi Kung Exercises, Eight Essential T'ai Chi Patterns, and Center Activities such as Heron Breathing and Standing Meditation.

T'ai Chi will start on Monday, November 16th and meet every Monday and Wednesday for eight consecutive weeks. The program will run from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and be held at Heritage Woods, an assisted living facility located on 462 Main Street in Agawam.

T'ai Chi will be presented by Frank Kilcoyne. Frank is an occupational therapist with Genesis ElderCare Rehabilitation Services and has been studying and practicing T'ai Chi for over 13 years.

Due to limited space, preregistration is required for this program. There is a charge of \$5 per class. For more information or to register for this program, please call Heritage Woods at (413) 786-9704.

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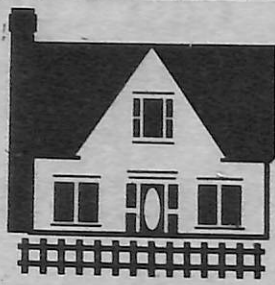
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Your Neighbors



"Pastoral Care" Is A Vocation For Vera Conway

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Vera Conway of Northwood Street, Feeding Hills is director of Pastoral Care at Heritage Nursing Homes, Agawam. She is a cheerful, compassionate, service-oriented person who provides spiritual information, education, and support to the nursing home staffs and, consequently, to the residents.

All of her life has been directed toward helping the elderly, she said in a recent interview, including her growing years in Ireland, to her nursing career, membership on the Agawam Council on Aging, and for about 10 years as head of Pastoral Care at Heritage.

Her office is in the West Building of the Heritage Hall campus on Cooper Street, and is open-ended in a large room that allows anyone to walk in, making her available to all.

"I am not a chaplain," Vera is quick to point out, explaining that to be a chaplain requires four years of specialized education. In addition to her nursing degree, she took a one-year course called CPE (clinical pastoral experience) at The Monastery in West Springfield. This course is a requirement for Pastoral Care at hospitals or institutions, she explained.

Her job description includes providing pastoral care for the staff, comfort and education on special rites and regulations, and emotional and spiritual support to residents and faculty. She said the staff, from janitor to nurse, works hard in a sometimes thankless job, especially for those in long-term care.

Born in Springfield, Vera has lived in West Springfield and Agawam. Her parents were born in Ireland and reluctantly returned there for what was intended to be a year. Her father had invested in a hotel there.

A Five-And-A-Half-Year Experience

It turned into a 5½-year period when Vera was between 8-15 years of age. She attended elementary school and two years of high school at Presentation Convent School there, and says she received an ethical-spiritual training and conscience training she would not have known otherwise.

She speaks of each person's responsibility to continue to seek truth beyond what they were taught of as children.

Back in the U.S., she graduated from Agawam High School and earned a registered nurse degree from St. Francis Hospital, Hartford. Vincent Conway and Vera were married and have two children, Adam and Faith, and two grandchildren, nine year-old Sean and five month-old Scott. Vincent Conway is retired from Bay State Gas Co., where he was a service technician.

For a time, Vera was coordinator of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Program at Sacred Heart Church. A private duty nurse in the South Building of Heritage for nine-and-a-half years, she observed the staff. What she saw, she said, was good health care and state-of-the-art technologies, but felt a spiritual component was missing and needed for total healing.

She felt if she came on staff, it would be as advocate and pastoral care provider. She was asked to write such a proposal and was then hired to implement it. She is director of Pastoral Care for five buildings, rehabilitation, and assisted living at Heritage Hall. Heritage is owned by Genesis ElderCare and Assisted Living Company. What Vera liked about them was they had a vision for the future, an educated staff, and quality care.

"The main thing I do is listen," Vera said, "to people's concerns and ideas. I encourage verbalization of the person's life story, inquire about their families, faith, denomination, and life's work."

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"It helps me draw a picture of support relationships, encouragement, forgiveness of themselves and others, and love available to them. I offer it back to the person to look at and lean on, in the context of a merciful, loving God who loves them just as they are," Vera noted.

She considers the staff excellent. "If an

employee doesn't care, they don't last long," she said. "It takes a special something that makes a person relate well to the elderly."

Persons with negative feelings about nursing homes have probably never been in one, at least not in 20 years, according to her. "Things have changed," she said. "Regulations are in place and growth is continuous. We do not have many persons or groups visiting to see what we do here and how we do it."

In her spare time, Vera likes to read, but music is her special joy. In Ireland, she learned to play the accordion, violin, and the cello (which she treasures). She also plays console piano and sings. She has enjoyed performing for seniors since her teen years and considers music therapeutic.

Her knowledge of native Irish songs, oldies and goodies, and American favorites makes her a sought-after entertainer, especially around St. Patrick's Day. She is a happy, jolly performer who spices her piano selections with stories and jokes.

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ROBERT MACDONALD (far left), Director of the Work Opportunity Center in Agawam, and Agawam Rotary Club President Charles Heyl (far right) present Paul Harris Fellowships to Allan and Ron Skole. (Missing from photo: Linda Skole, who also received the Rotary's prestigious fellowship.) Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Skole Family Members Receive Paul Harris Fellowships From Agawam Rotary Club

The Agawam Rotary Club recently presented Paul Harris Fellowships to three members of the Skole family, which owns and operates Chez Josef in Agawam.

Allan, Ron, and Linda Skole were awarded the Fellowships for their generous contribution to the Rotary International Polio Plus Fund.

Rotary International has a goal of eliminating

polio from the world by the year 2002. This is no small goal and will require millions of dollars. The Skoles' generous contribution is one of many contributions the family gives to worthy projects.

Allan told the Agawam Rotary he was moved to make this particular contribution because, as a youth, he saw a close friend stricken with this dreaded disease.

Last Call For AHS's 1973 Class Reunion

Agawam High School's Class of 1973 will hold its 25th reunion November 27th at the Log Cabin in Holyoke beginning at 6:30 p.m.

A very elegant evening is planned with entertainment by the area's popular group, "Brass Attack."

Come enjoy a great night out and visit with old classmates. Your **rsvp return must be sent in now to hold your reservation.**

We are still missing some classmates, but thanks to the AAN, we have found many. We are still looking for David Ainsworth, Lisa Bazzano Sibilia, Chip Benson, Robert Bouley, John Brame, Lorraine Brazeau, Thomas Brunelle, Constance Buynicki, Darlene Cardone, Lynn Cirillo, Claudia Cunningham, Richard Deblois, Tom Folger, Candance Gallucci, Nancy George, Steve Grimaldi, David Herriman, Nancy Hill, Nancy Knowlton, Linda MacPherson Schmidt, Harold Martin, Ann McCaffrey, Edward Meade.

Catherine Parent, Harold Potts, Karen Rawson, Jean Raymond, Jan Reynolds, Wendy Richard, Andrew Robbins, Mark Scales, Donald Schebel, David Simmons, Richard Snow, Frank Talbot, Larry Whittle, Ted Wislocki, Gary Woods.

So, last call, folks!! For more information, call Susan Borgatti Meunier at 786-6669 or Steve Richter at 569-3214.

VERA CONWAY - from Page 9...

In 1988, Vera was appointed to the Agawam Council on Aging, which oversees the Senior Center. She served as president and says the greatest achievement of this time was founding of the group, "Friends of the Senior Center." This allowed some senior-raised funds to be used by and for seniors.

Vera says that all her life was a preparation for the job she is now doing. And she couldn't be happier!

She has one long-time dream; to visit Israel and Egypt when she retires.

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Cathy Scaggs And Erik Killough United In Marriage At Sacred Heart In Feeding Hills

Cathy Scaggs and Erik Killough were united in marriage on September 5th at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

The celebrant was Father John Franck, friend from Assumption College.

The bride is the daughter of Buddy and Diane Scaggs of Feeding Hills. The bridegroom is the son of Glenn and Carol Killough of Attleboro, Massachusetts.

Matron of honor was Sarah Pacheco, sister of the bride. Maid of honor was Jennifer Scaggs, twin sister of the bride. Other bridesmaids included Molly Malloy Crawley and Kaleigh Malloy,

cousins of the bride, and Kate Killough, sister of the groom. Darren Kelly served the groom as best man.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and Assumption College in Worcester and is presently employed by Steffian Bradley Associates in Boston as marketing coordinator.

The groom is a graduate of Attleboro High School and Assumption College. He is employed by Standish, Ayer and Wood in Boston in Trade Operations.

The couple honeymooned in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

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MR. & MRS. STEVEN P. KINSLEY

Pamela A. Bovat Becomes Bride Of Steven P. Kinsley

Pamela A. Bovat and Steven P. Kinsley were recently united in marriage on October 3rd at the First Baptist Church in Agawam.

Pamela is the daughter of Edward and Janice Bovat of Agawam. Steven is the son of Frank Kinsley and Sandra Kinsley, both of Feeding Hills.

Lisa Allen attended as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Leesa Vignato, Christina Viero, Christine Lindsey, Tina Jones, Susan Morris, and Kim Faust.

David Barber served as best man. Groomsmen were Gino Vignato, Steven Paglia, Jeffrey Bovat, Joe DelBuono, Don Moore, and Kevin Bovat.

Pamela is a graduate of Agawam High School and Kay-Harvey Hairdressing Academy. She is employed at Scott's Citgo in Agawam. Steven is also a graduate of Agawam High School and Connecticut School of Broadcasting. He is employed at Springfield Food Service in Springfield.

The couple reside in Southwick.

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ASGA Athletes To Hold Bazaar...

The Agawam Senior Games Athletes (ASGA) will hold a Christmas Bazaar combined with a tag sale and bake sale at the Agawam Senior Center (off Main Street) on Saturday, November 21st.

We are looking forward to a great day with raffles, grab bags, coffee, donuts, apple pie, and much more.

The Town of Agawam has been very good to us, and we like to give the people good bargains at our affairs. We look forward to seeing our many friends that we've met over the years.

There will be lots of Christmas items (old and new), and an array of tag sale items for our friends to rummage through.

We are also putting out an appeal for good tag sale items to be donated for our sale. If you have any such items, please call Vi Presz at 786-3164 or Angelo Polumbo at 786-5648, and we will see that the items are picked up.

We are looking forward to seeing you all on November 21st, as we kick off the holiday season.

Cooking Program At Spfld. Turnverein On Sunday, Nov. 15th

The Cultural Council of the Springfield Turnverein of Agawam, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills will hold a cooking demonstration on Sunday, November 15th, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Paul Stevens, owner of the Hofbrauhaus in West Springfield, will demonstrate some of the truly German foods that are served at the Hofbrauhaus.

If you plan to attend, please call the club and leave your name and the number of people that will attend. This will ensure that enough food is available for tasting. The club's phone number is 786-0924.

Refreshments will follow the presentation and all our friends are cordially invited to join us.



AIRMAN STEVEN J. DUPLESSIS

Steven J. Duplessis Graduates From Air Force Basic Training

Air Force Airman Steven J. Duplessis has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Duplessis is the son of Cheryl A. and Steven J. Duplessis, Sr. of 15 Pomeroy St., Agawam.

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BBBS Charity Auction



AGAWAM RESIDENT Michele Riley (left), case manager at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampden County, helps Fran Cataldo, chairman of the Special Charity Auction, display items up for bid. The auction will be held on Thursday, December 3rd, at 5:30 p.m. in the Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield. Proceeds will benefit at-risk children in the community. For tickets, call Big Brothers Big Sisters at 781-4730 or visit their website at www.bigbrothers-sisters.org.

Sgt. Kenneth Roberts Celebrates Marine Corps' 223rd Birthday

Marine Gunnery Sgt. Kenneth J. Roberts, a 1981 graduate of Agawam High School, is one of more than 170,000 active duty Marines celebrating the Marine Corps' 223rd birthday this month.

Roberts is currently based in Okinawa, Japan, with 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, as part of the Unit Deployment Program (UDP).

The Marine Corps was created on November 10, 1775 in Philadelphia by a Continental Congress resolution raising two battalions of Marines. Since then, the Corps has served the nation from the Revolutionary War to Desert Storm. Today's Marines continue to serve on ships and at bases around the world.

On November 10th every year, Marines mark the date as a time for ceremony and reflection on the deeds of the men and women who served before and who have given today's Marines their legacy of honor, courage, and commitment.

UDP units based in the United States come to Okinawa for six months to train. From Okinawa, Roberts' unit can deploy to mainland Japan, Korea, and many other Pacific countries.

He joined the Marine Corps in February 1981.

West Spfld. Grange No. 147 To Hold "Sweater Sale"

West Springfield Grange No. 147 will be holding a "Sweater Sale" on Saturday, November 21st, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The sale will take place at the Grange's hall (located at the corner of Garden and Lathrop Streets in West Springfield), and the sweaters will be from Fredrick's Mills.

Fresh cranberries and baked goods will also be available for purchase at the sale.

Holiday Baskets In Final Weeks Of Drive For Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving will be here before you know it. Have you made your donation to the Agawam Junior Women's Club's Holiday Basket drive yet?

Last year, due to the overwhelming generosity of our friends — YOU! — we were able to provide meals to 54 families, and clothes and toys to 153 children within Agawam and Feeding Hills.

We look forward to your generosity again this year. If you wish to donate new toys or canned goods, we have several drop-off boxes in Agawam and Feeding Hills. The locations are Westfield Savings Bank, Fitness First, Town Hall, Agawam Public Market, Feeding Hills Public Market, Sand-Castle Day Care, Agawam Public Library, Coldwell Banker, and the Agawam Senior Center.

When you shop for your own holiday dinner, buy an extra of something for our needy friends. We are looking for the following canned and dry goods:

Canned vegetables; cranberry sauce; stuffing; cereal; cake mixes; soap/toothpaste/brush; paper goods; pasta; canned juice; prepared foods (shelf goods); soups; and canned meats (tuna, SPAM, etc.).

Also, if you wish to donate toys for children from ages one to 14, we will accept these also at the drop-off sites. If you would like to make a donation of a frozen turkey or a canned ham for a Holiday Basket, or school supplies or Agawam Theatre movie tickets as gifts for older children, please call Dee Abrams at 786-9085 after 5:00 p.m.

Please remember that by purchasing one can of food or one toy, you may make a difference in a child's happiness during the holidays. Knowing that you CARE can make all the difference in the world.

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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, November 16th: Salisbury steak with gravy, buttered noodles, carrot coins, whole wheat bread, orange.

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Wednesday, November 18th: Tortellini soup, meatball grinders, tossed salad, apple crisp.

Thursday, November 19th: BBQ ribs, baked beans, rye bread, cole slaw, peaches.

Friday, November 20th: Thanksgiving dinner (with all the fixings).

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

AIC Alumni To Sponsor Nov. 21st Trip To New York

The Office of Alumni Affairs at American International College is sponsoring its annual bus trip to New York City, **Saturday, November 21st.**

Director of Alumni Relations John DeBonville said, "The trip affords people a stress-free way of getting to the city without the worries of driving, traffic, and trying to park. It's a great time of year to go to New York, for shopping, theatre, or sightseeing."

Buses are scheduled to leave for New York at 7:00 a.m. from 1020 State Street, and will leave New York for Springfield at 7:30 p.m., from Madison and 49th Avenue. Drop-off points are the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Rockefeller Center.

The trip costs \$20 per person for the bus transportation, and is open to the public.

For more information or to reserve a seat, please call the Office of Alumni Affairs at (413) 747-6520.

During Thanksgiving week, we will publish on - Tuesday, November 24th, instead of Thursday, November 26th. Therefore, our deadline for that edition will be 12:00 noon on Saturday, November 22nd.

Happy 50th Anniversary Jim And Lee



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American Legion Post 185 Seeks New Members

Agawam Legion Post 185 of Agawam is seeking new members to join its ranks. If you are an American veteran who served in the military during any of the following wartime eras, why not join the Legion's "membership challenge"!

World War I, 4/6/17 to 11/11/18; World War II, 12/7/41 to 12/31/46; Korean War, 6/25/50 to 1/31/55; Vietnam, 2/28/61 to 5/7/75; Grenada/Lebanon, 8/24/82 to 7/31/84; Panama, 12/20/89 to 1/31/90; Persian Gulf (Desert Storm), 8/2/90 to date of cessation.

Applications for Legion membership are available from any Post 185 member, including Senior Vice-Commander George Brown, Auxiliary Senior Vice-President Kristine Henson, Commander Sam Gallant, and Auxiliary President Mary Ellen Morissette.

Marketplace & Roast Beef Dinner At Good Shepherd On Nov. 14th

"The Shepherd's Marketplace" will be held this Saturday, November 14th, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm Street, West Springfield.

The church's famous all-you-can-eat roast beef dinner and dessert bar will follow the marketplace, with seatings at 5:00 and 6:15 p.m.

The cost for the dinner is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Call 734-1976 or 736-5242 for reservations.

Fish & Chip Dinners Held Each Friday At The Agawam VFW

Each Friday evening, fish and chip dinners will be held at the Agawam VFW, Post 1632 (located at 194 South Street, Agawam).

The cost is \$5.95 per person, and the Friday night dinners will begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call Jack Devine at 789-0053; however, please give him at least 48 hours' notice. Thank you!

Community Grange No. 382 Announces Raffle Winners

Community Grange No. 382 of Feeding Hills would like to thank all of those who attended their annual bazaar and would like to announce the raffle winners:

Flora Breton of Agawam, afghan; **L. Bachta** of Feeding Hills, **Rose Mezzetti** of Feeding Hills, **Al Bramhall** of Feeding Hills, **Amy Dionne** of Westfield, Beanie Babies; **Marian Bradford** of Southwick, gift basket; **Helen Siedel** of Chicopee, birdhouse; and **Carole Dempsey** of Feeding Hills, maple syrup.

Community Grange will hold an open meeting on Tuesday, November 17th to recognize three members for their service to the Grange.

Naida King will receive a 65-year seal; Roberta Cesan, a 60-year seal, and Zoafia Demko, a 25-year certificate. Family, friends, and the public are invited to attend this meeting that will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Agawam Library To Present Puppet Show On Sat., Nov. 14th

Agawam and Feeding Hills families are invited to the library on Saturday, November 14th, for a performance by the Robert Rogers Puppets.

They will be performing "Aesop's Fables" in celebration of Children's Book Week. The performance is from 2:00-3:00 p.m. and registration is a must.

Please call 789-1550, or visit the library to register.

Michael DiMatteo Promoted To Marine Lance Corporal

Marine Lance Cpl. Michael DiMatteo, son of Amedeo and Luz M. DiMatteo of 184 Tobacco Farm Road, Feeding Hills, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with Marine Corps Security Force Company, London, England.

DiMatteo was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

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“Halloween” Celebrated Throughout Agawam...



At Heritage Hall's North Building, a variety of creative and amusing costumes were worn on Friday, October 30th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Agawam Middle School hosted a Halloween dance on Friday, October 30th, and these youngsters were certainly dressed for the occasion. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



“Want to play a ‘Quic Pic’?”: Caroline Coelln at Colonial News in Feeding Hills certainly took a “gamble” with this unique Halloween get-up. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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For copies of his photos in this edition, contact AAN photographer Jack Devine at (413) 789-0053.

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“Do you like our pumpkins?”: Everyone was proud of their carved pumpkins at Granger Elementary School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



These costumed characters at Heritage Hall's South Building sure looked gruesome. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

* * * *Agawam Residents Are Always D*



At the Agawam Senior Center on Thursday, October 29th, these grown-up "trick-or-treaters" proved that dressing up for Halloween isn't just for kids. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



At Clark Elementary School, it was hard to tell who had the youngsters or the "young-at-heart." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



"Isn't it time for our nap?": The employees of the Agawam Federal Credit Union looked as though they were ready to call it a day on Friday, October 30th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



On Wednesday, October 28th, the children and staff head start on the Halloween celebration. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Fitness First Racquet & Fitness Center in Feeding Hills held a Halloween party in its nursery on Saturday, October 31st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



These young ladies went all-out with their costumes and danced on Friday, October 30th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Decked-Out For "Halloween" * * *



...who had more fun wearing their costumes —
Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



At the Bambi School's Halloween party, the children enjoyed taking apart an edible "haunted house" made by parent Diane Lyons-Frasco and were visited by Hilda the Witch.
Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



...and staff of Perry Lane Nursery gave themselves a
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"Say 'BOO' for the camera!": Costumed youngsters at Fitness First's Halloween party. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

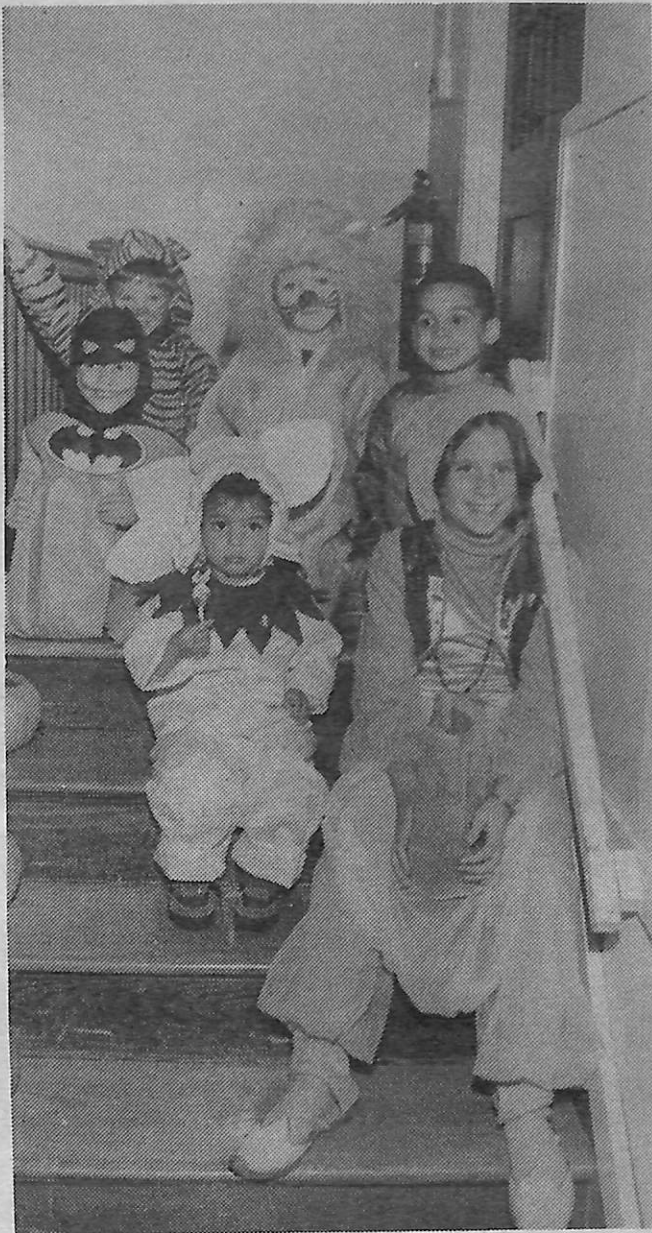
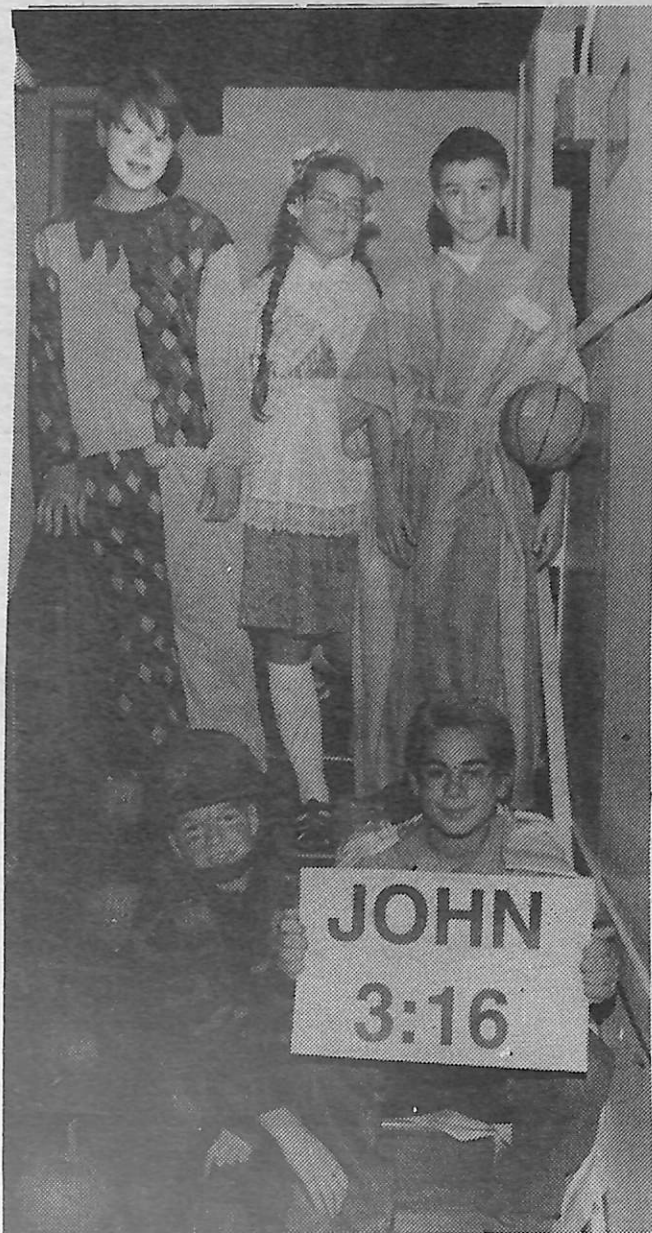


...costumes for Agawam Middle School's Halloween
photo by Jack Devine.



"Can we help you?": The "unique-looking" employees of Westfield Savings Bank on Main Street in Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Church News



PICTURED ABOVE are just some of the children who "dressed up" for the "All Saints" party that was held at St. David's Youth Center on Friday, October 30th. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

St. David's Episcopal Church Holds Annual "All Saints" Party For Children

On Friday, October 30th, St. David's Episcopal Church in Feeding Hills held its annual "All Saints" party for children.

Designed as an alternative to the usual "Halloween" party, this get-together featured "positive" costumes as part of a celebration of "All Saints," the Christian holiday to give thanks for all of God's holy people.

The evening consisted of games put on by the church's Junior Youth Group, followed by refreshments served by senior members of the parish. Following a grand costume parade, the party concluded with a time of worship.

The entire event was held in the church's former building, which is now being used as the parish Youth Center.

"Jingle Valley Fair" Slated For Saturday, November 21st, At First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church, 760 Main St., Agawam, will host a "Jingle Valley Fair" on Saturday, November 21st from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

You'll find many wonderful and unique Christmas ideas for your home as well as for gift-giving! Displays will include a gift table, food table, plant table, jewelry table, elegant "junkie," festive decorations, and Christmas ornaments.

Stop in at the "Snowflake Luncheon," with seatings from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Featured will be Southern chicken casserole, cranberry salad, blueberry muffin, apple dessert, and beverage, all for only \$5.

For advance reservations, call 786-8624.

Come to the Jingle Valley Fair and have your picture taken with Santa!!

Parish News And Events From St. John's Church

THANKSGIVING DINNER

If you would like to donate a turkey dinner or give a food certificate to a needy family this year, please let Sr. Fran White know before November 20th.

Last year, we were able to distribute 16 dinners or food certificates in your name. We continue to thank you for your generosity.

Also, would you help us to identify families who might be in need this year? Names will be kept in total confidence.

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Annual Bazaar is just about a month away. The raffle prizes are larger this year. Did you remember to drop your raffle returns in the basket?

Cemetery logs and pots will be on display in the foyer of the Parish Center and can be ordered after all the Masses on November 15th.

THE GIVING TREE

Our parish will be offering the Giving Tree Project again this year, and we anticipate your continuing generosity.

People are still talking about last year and how good it made everyone feel.

OVER 60 GROUP

November 19th trip to the Clarke Art Institute in Williamstown and dinner at Four Acres (1:00 p.m.). Cost is \$22.

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES

This group meets on the second Thursday of every month.

November 14th: "Fiddler on the Roof." Call Joanne, 786-1583.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

We will begin our support group here at St. John's on Wednesday, November 25th, at 1:30 p.m. This is for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one.

Beginning in December, we will meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call the Pastoral Office at 786-4499.

Faith Bible Church To Hold Fellowship Dinner On Nov. 22nd

Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner is open to all on Sunday, November 22nd, at 4:00 p.m. at the Faith Bible Church, 370 Shoemaker Lane in Agawam.

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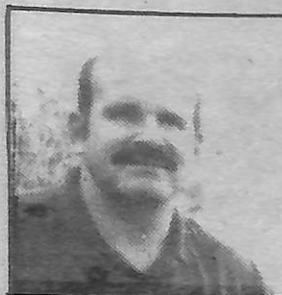
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Saturday, November 21st

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Church News - continued...

Reflections...
submitted by
Rev. Peter Monahan
Pastor of the New Life
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Suffield, CT
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Signs Of The Season...

The Christmas season is almost upon us. Yes, we've only just gotten through Halloween, and Thanksgiving is not for another couple of weeks. Nonetheless, the malls and stores are already gearing up for Christmas. "Deck the malls with bows of holly."

It wasn't that way for the first Christmas. The world was generally oblivious to the Savior's birth. The world would never be quite the same again because of Jesus Christ's birth, yet so very few people appreciated the event when it occurred.

If we're unaware of the upcoming season, we're without excuse. The signs are all around us. All we have to do is open our eyes to see them. Similarly, when Jesus was born, there were signs to alert people. The signs weren't multicolored or neon like they are today; they were the words of prophets who preceded Him by centuries.

If we have eyes to see and hearts to perceive the signs of the times, we will be aware that the season is approaching when Jesus Christ will come again. His first appearing was in abject humility, to bring salvation to any person who wants; His second coming will be in splendor and glory, to bring this era to a conclusion.

God, it seems, does not like to surprise people. He likes to communicate with us ahead of time. Some of the early signs of Jesus' second coming have been evident for a long time. Jesus said, **"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately."** Wars are a common part of human history.

Other telltale signs have developed over the course of time. **Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom."**

The multiplicity of great nations and kingdoms which are capable of fulfilling this prophecy are a fairly modern phenomenon. It is just in this century that humankind has endured not just one, but two world wars.

We may, in the not-too-distant future, witness a war between kingdoms, such as a war between the third world and the first world, or between the Arabs and us.

Some of the signs indicating Jesus' second coming are old, but with a new twist: they are appearing with greater intensity and greater frequency. **"There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven."**

The intensity of hurricanes and the frequency with which they appear has increased noticeably over the past 25 years. North Korea and Russia are both in famines of great proportion. Could these be signs that Jesus Christ is coming back sooner, rather than later?

In some regions of the world, the devil has employed persecution to discourage the faith of believers in God. This is particularly true of the era just preceding the 1990's, before human rights was an international issue. **"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you."**

Ironically, this usually only strengthened the faith of the persecuted and served to spread the Gospel. **"This will give you an opportunity to testify."** In our part of the world, the devil finds complacency and contentment to be an effective tool.

Imagine the horror of waking up on Christmas morning and realizing you'd forgotten to prepare for the day! It wouldn't be a pleasant event, to say the least.

How much more unpleasant it will be for anybody who wakes up on the final Christmas morning without having prepared for that day, ahead of time.

Faith Bible Church Schedules Bazaar

Faith Bible Church, 370 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, will hold a Christmas Bazaar on Friday, December 4th from 5:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 5th from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Don't miss this chance to purchase great Christmas gifts for everyone on your list!

ADVERTISER NEWS

Message About "Peace On Earth" To Be Delivered At Valley Community Church

The joy of worshipping God continues at Valley Community Church. This Sunday, Rev. Robert Loesch will share a message entitled, "Peace on Earth," taken from Jeremiah 14:13-16 and James 3:13-18.

Worship Service begins at 9:30 a.m. This Sunday, the congregation will be treated with a special solo by Margie Secora called, "Let There Be Peace on Earth" (postponed from last week due to laryngitis).

The children will leave the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. for Children's Church in Dunn Hall. Everyone is invited for Coffee and Fellowship in Dunn Hall immediately following the service. Sunday School begins at 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, with classes

for all ages. Nursery care is available throughout the morning for infants and toddlers.

Both the Junior Choir and Senior Choir will meet on Wednesday evening. The Junior Choir will meet at 6:15 p.m. and the Senior Choir at 7:00 p.m.

The monthly Chicken Supper will be held this Saturday with continuous servings from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. If you have not yet made your reservations, we strongly suggest you do so by calling Shirley at 786-2576 or Jeff at 789-2552.

Valley Community Church is located at 152 South Westfield Street.

Best local news, each and every week...

Looking for God in all the wrong places?

Four Suggestions
and an
Interview
with
Uncle Darrell



(a man who for 60 years thought religion was for fruitcakes)

Time: Sunday, 10 A.M., November 15

Place: Agawam Church of the Bible
(meeting at the Agawam Junior High School)

Dress: Casual

Coffee and Refreshments to Follow Message
(Call Brad Wright at 789-2904 for more information)

Agawam Church of the Bible is a non-denominational church emphasizing the grace of God while affirming the truth of His word

Church News - continued...

Christmas Workshop And Open House At First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church, located at the corner of Main and Elm Streets in Agawam, extends a community-wide invitation to a "Holiday Open House" on Friday, December 11th.

The fun-filled evening will begin with a huge, table-filled pot luck supper from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., sponsored by the First Baptist Church.

All are invited to join in the fun making holiday crafts from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. There will be a wide variety of simple crafts for all ages and abilities. A table will be provided if you wish to donate your completed craft to a local nursing home.

Then, sit back and relax for a few moments as you enjoy a short holiday skit performed by the children of the church from 8:00 to 8:15 p.m.

The evening will come to an exciting conclusion with Christmas caroling and special holiday music in the sanctuary with Ritchie Mitnick at the keyboard.

In order for us to plan well and set a place just for you, call the church office to make your reservation (786-7300).

Come and join the festivities. This invitation is for YOU!!!

Ag. Congregational To Dedicate Hall In Memory Of Rev. Bryan

On Sunday, November 22nd, immediately following the Worship Service, the Agawam Congregational Church Fellowship Hall will be named "Bryan Hall" in loving memory of the Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, who was pastor here for 26 years.

Rev. Bryan not only served the church, but the community as well. There will be light refreshments following the dedication.

Please join us for this special day for the church.

Check our classified ads in each edition ... AAN!!!

From Agawam United Methodist Church - God's Commands Are Directives For Life

God Directs...

Who of us really likes to hear or follow commands? Many people, especially youth, resent them.

We don't want to be told what to do. We have heard words like, "I am an adult," "I know how to run my life," "What's in it for me?" and "No one tells me what to do."

Such people hear commands in terms of judgement or negative impressions of what is wanted of them. The commands of God are not negative. They are directives for life.

The book of Deuteronomy says God's commands are for our own good. They are for our life and are expressions of his love. God, therefore, requires that people obey and follow his directives, and teach their children to do the same.

Listen to the compilers who say, "It is not a futile thing for you because it is your life and, by this word, you shall prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess."

Only one who is in a love relationship with another will allow such privileges. God is in a love relationship with all people. Sometimes this relationship is not reciprocated. Therefore, directives within it are mistaken or misunderstood, and interpreted as detrimental to our welfare.

It becomes difficult to understand the place of pain and suffering in our personal or collective lives. The "Thou shall not" expressions are taken as negative and frustrating.

Human research, however, give credence to the fact that the body is warned of approaching danger by the presence of pain. Sometimes pain results after long periods of abuse and non-heeded warnings. Now, emergency measures must be taken.

Our world has come to neglect the uses of "do

not." A certain writer likens life to going through a field full of land mines. These land mines destroy lives.

One goes through the field only with a guide who says, "Do not walk there." The guide says so because he knows where they are planted.

But, the response may be, "I will follow you," or "I can find my way." The person who does not follow the directives sometimes gets blown up.

Consider the several danger zones existing in today's world:

The Internet, of course, has many good purposes. But, youth must be guided wisely while using it.

The use of alcohol — binging on college campuses is extremely destructive. Strong parental guidance with spiritual reinforcement is required.

Many other seemingly good experiences can become worthless or even dangerous when guidance is ignored.

Jesus said, "Follow Me." He says so to all who are willing to follow. But, some say, "I don't have to." To follow is to adopt a way of life that is meaningful and worthy of acceptance by others.

Jesus' way of life is one of love, peace, and goodness to all. It is one that seeks the maximum good for all persons.

It seeks justice for the oppressed and wellness for the human soul. It is expressed in works of kindness and deeds of compassion.

The way through life's land mines with Christ as your guide is safe, positive, and direct.

The Sunday School breakfast will begin at 8:00 a.m. at Agawam United Methodist Church, and Sunday School will follow at 8:30 a.m.

The worship is at 9:30 a.m. This format seeks to meet the challenge of the changing times.

During Thanksgiving week, we will publish on Tuesday, November 24th, instead of Thursday, November 26th. Therefore, our deadline for that edition will be 12:00 noon on Saturday, November 22nd.

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Morgan Silver Dollars; books; furniture; music lessons, etc.

Auctioneers will be Joe & Rose Rossi of Rossi Auctioneers
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Proceeds will go to benefit the church building fund.
Admission is free. Refreshments will be sold.

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Church News - continued...

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner At Agawam Congregational



NANCY MODZELEWSKI (above) and VIRGINIA MARKHAM and DOT RANDOLPH (below) during Agawam Congregational Church's chicken and biscuit dinner.

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



BILL EKSTEDT, CAROL ALLEN, and LOU BLACKAK were among the "kitchen helpers" at the Agawam Congregational Church's chicken and biscuit dinner on Saturday, October 24th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Special Award Presented To Ray Williams, Sr. During Worship At First Baptist Church

Last Sunday morning at the 9:30 a.m. service of worship, Ray Williams, Sr. was presented with a special award by the First Baptist Church and the Pioneer Valley Boy Scouts of America Council. The Good Shepherd award was presented by Kenneth Connor, District Executive of the Pioneer Trail District of the BSA.

At the service, it was also announced that the World Mission Offering, conducted through the month of October, had exceeded its goal of \$1,000. The good news was shared by Missions Committee Chairperson Mercy Barnes.

Pastor Richard Barnes will speak on "We Means Us Means Me" at this Sunday's worship service. He will use Galatians 6:1-10 as his scriptural text.

Leading the responsive reading will be Nancy Barber.

On our calendar this week:

Monday, November 16th: 7:30 p.m., Word Search Bible Study.

Tuesday, November 17th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 6:30 p.m., Mr. & Mrs. Club Dinner/Meeting; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group.

Wednesday, November 18th: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, November 19th: 10:00 a.m., Bell Ringers Rehearsal; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:00 p.m., Caring Connection food preparation; 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal.

Saturday, November 21st: 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Jingle Valley Fair.

The annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, November 22nd, at 4:00 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church.

Plan to attend this meaningful service of thanksgiving.



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The answer to the question "What does God think of me?" depends on your answer to another question: What do you think of Jesus Christ?

If you believe that Jesus is the perfect Son of God who took the punishment for sin that you deserve, and if you have personally expressed your trust in Him as your only hope of salvation, you have become a member of God's kingdom. You are a citizen of heaven. You are part of God's family.

Now that God sees you as His child, you are to live up to your new name and position. How are you doing? Are you living as a citizen of heaven? Are you growing in your Christian life, becoming more like Christ? If not, you have some work to do. Confess your failures to God and then depend on the Holy Spirit to help you grow in obedience.

But what if you have never trusted Christ as your Savior? Then God thinks of you as alienated from Him (Col. 1:21), spiritually dead (Eph. 2:1), destined for judgment (Jn. 3:18; Rev. 20:11-15). Yet He loves you and wants to rescue you from the eternal consequences of sin (Jn. 3:16-17).

If this describes you, what should you do? Acknowledge your sin and your inability to save yourself. Call on Jesus Christ. Place your trust in Him as the Savior who died for you, asking Him for the gift of forgiveness of sin (Eph. 2:8-10). The Bible says:

As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name. — John 1:12

Adapted from the 32-page booklet *What Does God Think Of Me Now?* (Q0604), © 1987, 1995 RBC Ministries.

Church News - continued...

Weekly Calendar Of Activities & Events From Agawam Congregational Church

This Sunday, November 15th, is the 24th Sunday after Pentecost. The Worship Service begins at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "I Will Trust God and Not Be Afraid," taken from Text: 2 Isaiah 12.

This is Youth Sunday. The Jr. High youth of the church will lead and participate in the Worship Service. Also, the three year-olds through sixth grade will celebrate Communion. They will meet downstairs at 10:30 a.m. in the Worship Chapel for their Communion Service.

The Children's Choir will meet immediately following the Worship Service in the Choir Room with Ellen Cogen, the Minister of Music. Any child who would like to join may attend.

The Blanket Appeal continues. Money collected will be spent to purchase blankets for the area needy.

If you would like to make a donation, please send your check to the Blanket Appeal, Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Your \$5 donation will also help recent hurricane "Mitch" victims in Honduras and Nicaragua, as part of the money collected goes directly to assist disaster areas in the world.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is macaroni and sauce for the Loaves & Fishes Program. Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

The next Loaves & Fishes Program is this Monday, November 16th, at 4:00 p.m. Want to help out? Meet at the church to carpool over to the kitchen in Springfield.

The Annual Christmas Wreath Sale is now here! The Youth Groups of the church will be taking orders for the wreaths during coffee hours, or call the church office at 786-7111. The cost of each wreath is still only \$10 with a bright red bow attached.

This year, delivery is available for orders of 20 or more wreaths. The pick-up date is Sunday, November 29th, following the Worship Service.

The next Youth Meetings are as follows: Sunday, November 15th, Club 34 (third and fourth graders) and Club 56 (fifth and sixth graders) from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.; the Jr. High Youth Group will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

All groups will be making crafts to sell for the Holly Wreath Bazaar on Saturday, November 21st.

The next New Member Class will meet on Wednesday, November 18th, at 7:45 p.m.

Anyone interested in joining the church is welcome to attend.

Mark your calendars today! The Ladies Aid Annual Holly Wreath Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Stop in to shop, browse, or lunch at our "Cafe." Crafts, wares, raffles, and attic treasures will be just a few of the many, many different items for sale.

On Sunday, November 22nd, following the Worship Service, the Fellowship Hall will be named in loving memory of Rev. Floyd C. Bryan. Rev. Bryan was pastor here for over 25 years.

Please join us as we honor this great man who served our church and community so well.

It's time to order your poinsettias! The Flower Committee is now taking orders for poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary with the Poinsettia Tree on December 20th at the Christmas Sunday Worship Service.

You may take your poinsettias home following the Worship Service. Please call the church office at 786-7111 to place an order, or at the Coffee Hour.

Sizes and prices are listed on the order form.

News And Notes Of Interest From Feeding Hills Congregational Church

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Worship hours begins at 10:00 a.m. and will include the baptism of Timothy Portwood, Bob and Louise Marsh's grandson. This is also Stewardship Sunday.

The New Testament reading for this week is Luke 21:5-19. The Lector will be Diane Fiejdaz.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "A Clear Commitment."

Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents, leaving at the designated time for Sunday School; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Don't miss the Ladies Benevolent Society's annual Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, November 14th, or you'll have to wait until next year!

The menu will include delicious chicken pie, whipped potatoes, cranberry sauce and beet relish, butternut squash, rolls and butter, green beans almondine, beverage, and homemade pies. For reservations, please call Mrs. Betty Bava at

786-0679, or Mrs. Barbara Swanson at 786-5732.

The deadline this month to submit information to the church newsletter is Thursday, November 19th.

Due to the holiday the following week, it would be very helpful if items were submitted earlier if possible.

There will be a Movie Night sponsored by the Board of Christian Education here on Friday, November 13th, at 7:00 p.m.

This is a fun way to prove that you are not superstitious about Friday the 13th!

The Agawam Parish Association welcomes everyone to a free Community Thanksgiving Dinner to be held here on Thursday, November 26th, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

Call Art Theobald at 789-4271 if you would like to help. For reservations, a ride to the church, or delivery of a meal, call Carol at 786-1912.

On Sunday, November 29th, worshipers will

gather after the morning service to make Advent Wreaths.

Plan to join with us to celebrate the beginning of this special season.

On the calendar:

Thursday, November 12th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., LBS Supper preparation; 7:00 p.m., Agawam Parish Association.

Friday, November 13th: 7:00 p.m., Movie Night.

Saturday, November 14th: 5:00 p.m., LBS Chicken Pie Supper.

Sunday, November 15th: 10:00 a.m., Stewardship Sunday.

Monday, November 16th: 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Trustees.

Tuesday, November 17th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Deacons.

Wednesday, November 18th: 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Music Committee; 7:00 p.m., Choir; 7:30 p.m., Christian Ed.

Thursday, November 19th: Newsletter deadline; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

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Church News - continued...**St. David's Church
To Host Auction
For Building Fund**

St. David's Episcopal Church will be hosting an Auction to benefit the Building Fund on Saturday, November 21st, at 6:30 p.m., with a preview at 5:00 p.m. This exciting event will be held at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

Articles to be auctioned will include, but are not limited to: sporting equipment and supplies; retired Beanie Babies® "Princess," "Glory," "Inch," and "Wise the Owl"; trip for two to NYC to see "The Lion King" on Broadway; a Springfield Sheraton "Great Escape" package; gift certificates and items from local merchants; Morgan Silver Dollars; books; furniture; music lessons; and much, much more.

Our auctioneers for the evening will be Joe and Rose Rossi from Rossi Auctioneers. The guest auctioneer will be Mayor Christopher Johnson.

Proceeds from this event will go to benefit the church building fund. Admission is free and refreshments will be sold.

For more information, please call 786-6133.

**Chicken Supper
Slated For Nov. 14th
At Valley Community**

Good news travels fast and the Supper Committee at Valley Community Church just can't stay ahead of the ever-growing crowds attending their monthly Chicken Suppers.

This month's supper will be held on Saturday, November 14th, with continuous servings from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

In view of the crowds and repeated requests "not to change a thing," the menu will once again consist of one-half baked chicken, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, two hot vegetables, tossed salad, olives, pickles, cranberry sauce, rolls with butter, and a beverage.

Also included is your choice from a variety of delectable, enticing desserts. The cost is just \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12.

Due to the ever-increasing crowds each month, we very strongly suggest you make reservations so you are not turned away. Please call Shirley at 786-2576 or Jeff at 789-2552.

For photo coverage in The AAN, contact photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053.

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**Yankee Pot Roast
Dinner At Agawam
Congregational**

The Agawam Congregational Church will be holding a Yankee Pot Roast Dinner on Saturday, November 14th at 5:30 p.m.

The dinner includes Yankee pot roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, veggies, rolls and butter, dessert, and beverages. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

The dinner will be held at the church located at 745 Main Street, reservations are recommended, a few walk-ins will be accepted. Reservations can be made by calling the church office at 786-7111, or Anne Hamel at 786-2908 before 12:00 noon on Friday, November 13th.

To receive notice of all our dinners by mail, call (413) 786-2809 to be added to our mailing list.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays — AAN!!!

**Holly Wreath Bazaar
Coming To Agawam
Congregational**

The Agawam Congregational Church Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The bazaar will feature crafts, food, candy, Beannie Babies, and carriers, as well as beautiful handmade articles, attic treasures, baked goods, a children's table, and (of course) our famous Clothes Boutique.

Along with our own crafters, we will feature outside vendors with many special talents.

A delicious luncheon will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., so come and enjoy soup, sandwiches, and dessert.

Remember, Christmas is in the air!

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Spotlight On Business



Travel Talk...

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Winter Ski Vacations

Last week, I talked about making plans for a winter ski vacation out west. Well, as New Englanders, we have beautiful ski country right in our backyard.

Many of the ski resorts in New England can be reached by car in about two to four hours. Years ago, in order to get information on a ski resort in New England, you had to call each individual resort long distance. Now that the American Skiing Company has purchased nine resorts, life is much easier.

Reservations and accommodations can be made either via your travel agent or directly with the American Skiing Company's toll-free number.

The ski areas they handle are Killington, Sugarloaf, Sundayriver, Sugarbush, Attitash Bear Peak, Mount Snow, and three ski areas in the mid-west.

Call our office for more information on that. Just in Vermont alone there are 14 major mountain ski resorts—more than 1,000 trails and 5,300 skiable acres.

There are exceptional accommodations, restaurants, and entertainment for every budget. The choices include country inns, bed and breakfast inns, full-service resort hotels, lodges, and condominiums or motels. Amtrak also has service from Springfield to Vermont on the Vermonter and the Ethan Allen, arriving daily in the Green Mountain State. You don't have to be a skier to enjoy the beauty and activities that the New England ski resorts have to offer.

A family reunion at one of the resorts would be a wonderful way to spend the holidays with your loved ones. So, think about a ski vacation or holiday here in New England.

If anyone is traveling to the Caribbean this winter and is concerned about the condition of the islands due to the hurricanes, please call your travel agent or check with the resort. Some resorts have closed for a short time to rebuild and clean up.

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"Tellers Of The Month"...



DONNA KENNEDY (center), manager of the Agawam branch of Westfield Savings Bank, congratulates recently named "Tellers of the Month" **Robert Judd** and **Isabel Crespo**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Seminar On Starting Small Businesses

Agawam Public Library and Bank-Boston are sponsoring a "Starting a Small Business Seminar," on Monday, November 16th, 6:00-7:30 p.m., in the Community Room at the Agawam Public Library.

A panel of business experts will address various issues, including meeting credit needs, cash flow, creating a business plan, computer banking, providing merchant services (such as accepting MasterCard and Visa for services), and business succession planning.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Legal
Memo

by
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Motor Vehicle Negligence

In May 1995, the 23 year-old female Plaintiff was a passenger on the back of a motorcycle operated by her husband as they were traveling through an intersection, when there was a collision with a car traveling from their left.

The Plaintiff was thrown approximately 80 feet, struck a road sign, and was rendered unconscious. She was taken by ambulance to a nearby hospital and was immediately transported by helicopter to another hospital. The Plaintiff sustained a C2 fracture, three fractured ribs, a fractured left femur, tibia, and fibula, and amputation of the large left toe and second toe.

The Plaintiff remained confined in the hospital for approximately five months. During that time, she underwent eight surgical procedures.

The Defendant, who was directed to stop before entering the intersection by a stop sign, testified that he did stop, and as he proceeded into the intersection, the motorcycle struck the right front of his car.

At trial, the Plaintiff's counsel called for testimony from a state trooper who qualified as an accident reconstructionist. He stated that the speed of both vehicles was not excessive and not a factor in the accident.

The jury found the Defendant negligent and that his negligence was a substantial contributing factor causing the Plaintiff's injuries.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts.

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PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF AGAWAM

In accordance with Article 8, Section 8-1(b) of the Agawam Town Charter, the Agawam Town Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, November 16, 1998 at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA in regards to the proposed amendments known as TOR-98-5, to the existing Rules Governing Second Hand Motor Vehicles, under Ch. 114 of the Code of the Town of Agawam.

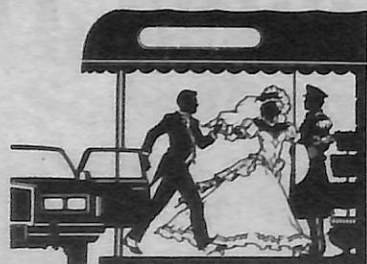
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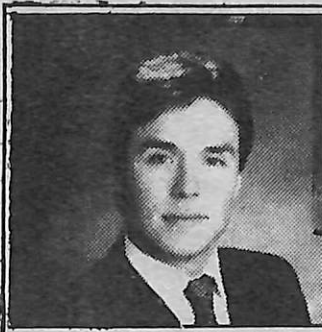
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Skiing This Winter? Be Careful.

If you're an avid skier like me, you're obviously looking forward to the excitement on the slopes. You may also see some spectacular falls.

Perhaps you were involved in one yourself. Torn ligaments and tendons are a common result, even broken bones. Last year, I saw a young male skier knocked unconscious during a particularly bad fall.

The earth is very unforgiving. Stop and consider for a moment what happens to the delicate spine during a bad skiing mishap. The spine is often over-compressed, or over-flexed or extended. An injury on the ski slope is very often the same type as that received in an auto crash. The body is struck or badly jarred and the bones in the neck or back can be misplaced, or sometimes fractured.

When this occurs in an arm or leg, the fractured bone is set and nature heals the break with time. But, not so easily detected and more threatening is a misplaced or damaged vertebra in the spinal column.

If one or more of these bones is even slightly out of line, it can mean pressure on the nerves inside the spine and actual partial or complete paralysis of muscles and organs.

It can cause permanent spinal curvature later, which shows up with startling clarity on x-rays of many patients.

While skiing is one of the most exhilarating winter sports there is, no bad fall should be forgotten until after a chiropractic consultation and examination.

The Schlaffer Chiropractic Office, 192 Shoemaker Lane, emphasizes the health of Agawam's athletes and is well-equipped to examine and treat those who have been injured. Call 789-1368 or 789-1073.

Heart Health And Blood Pressure Clinic At Agawam Senior Ctr.

On Tuesday, November 17th, there will be a Heart Health and Blood Pressure Clinic conducted at the Agawam Senior Center.

At 10:00 a.m., there will be a discussion on the need for exercise, laughter, and social contacts, as well as medication for a healthier you.

From 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Sherry Petrucci, the town nurse, will be taking blood pressures.

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During Thanksgiving week, we will publish on Tuesday, November 24th; instead of Thursday, November 26th. Therefore, our deadline for that edition will be 12:00 noon on Saturday, November 22nd ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!

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Support Groups, Courses, And Programs Offered By Noble Hospital In Westfield

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield. Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesday, November 25th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their support persons.

The topic of discussion at this meeting will be announced, and it will be facilitated by Barbara Boulanger, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W.

Diabetes: Tuesday, November 24th, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals suffering from diabetes and their support persons.

At this meeting, Lynne Jasak, M.S., R.D., Registered Dietitian, will speak about healthy eating choices for persons with diabetes during the holidays. What's more, Cathleen Bastible, M.S., P.T., Registered Physical Therapist, will demonstrate stress-relieving exercises to help relieve holiday stress.

COURSES/CLINICS/PROGRAMS:

Free Athletic Injury Clinic: Thursday, November 19th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's Sports & Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

During this clinic (which is held on the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of every month), athletic injuries are evaluated by a certified athletic trainer and, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.

Smoking Cessation - "Forgetting Cigarettes": Sundays, November 15th and 22nd, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. In Conference Room B at Noble Hospital.

This two-part program utilizes hypnosis to eliminate your desires for smoking and allow you to forget cigarettes forever. Presented by Joe Barako, R.N. and Certified Hypnotherapist.

The registration fee is \$40 and is paid the evening of the first session. Seating is limited, and pre-

registration is required.

To pre-register or for more information, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery with Dr. Gary Russolillo: Tuesday, November 17th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. At Noble Hospital.

Gary E. Russolillo, MD, will present a lecture about Body Contouring Surgeries, Lip Enhancements, Facial Surgeries, and Skin Care Procedures. Also included will be a live chemical peel demonstration.

The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation. Registration is free, and seating is limited.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

CPR Course: Wednesdays, November 18th and 25th, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In the Education Department/Ground Floor at Noble Hospital.

This two-part course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant certification. Cost of the course is \$45.

To register or obtain more information, call Noble Hospital's Education Department at (413) 572-5172.

Heart Healthy Holiday Dinner presented by Noble Hospital's Cardiac Rehab Department: Wednesday, November 18th, 5:00 p.m. At the Polish American Club of Agawam, 139 Southwick Street, Agawam, MA.

Join us for a heart healthy holiday dinner and entertainment by Richie Mitnick of "Sounds of Music."

The following individuals will be available for questions at this event: Dr. Reed Shnider, Board Certified Cardiologist on Staff at Noble Hospital; Tricia Porter, R.N., B.S.N., Director of Cardiac Rehab, Noble Hospital; and Lynne Jasak, M.S., R.D., Registered Dietitian, Noble Hospital.

Registration for this program is \$8 per person. Seating is limited and advance registration is required. The registration deadline is November 13th.

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Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

More Kids Eating Dinner With Parents

Today's families are spending more time together in the kitchen and at the dinner table. The 1998 kitchen report, shows that in the past two years, the number of families eating together at least five times a week increased from 59 percent to 67 percent.

The report also shows fathers are playing an important role in the kitchen. Almost twice as many children today are learning to cook from dad. Chef Rhys Lewis is one of those fathers who makes cooking dinner with his kids part of his weekday routine.

Rhys says, "I enjoy coming home from work and cooking with my children even after a long day in the kitchen. It's an opportunity to spend quality time with them, to show them some culinary techniques, and of course, have a really good dinner to enjoy afterwards."

His daughter, Leah, says, "I like to cook with my dad because we have a lot of fun when we're doing it, and it helps me to learn how to cook food for later on, when I'm going to be on my own."

The survey also shows nine out of 10 kids know how to cook, and most of them enjoy it. Karen Davis of the National Pork Producers Council says, "Not only are we seeing an increased number of kids cooking, but we've found in almost one-third of households with children, the kids are the main influence over what's served for the family meal."

Chances are those meals are healthy because the majority of cooks in the report say healthy eating is more important than it was just five years ago.

As our lives get busier, parents trying to spend time with their children can look no further than their kitchen for the place to meet and eat.

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association. She can be reached at 413-786-2957.

Local Meetings Dealing With Mental Illness Issues

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Western Massachusetts, Inc. has announced the following groups which are free and open to the public.

For Those With Depression and Manic Depression-Westfield: 20 Broad, Street, Westfield. Meets first and third Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 p.m.

For Adult Siblings and Adult Children of those with Mental Illness: AMI-WM Office, 717½ Main Street, Agawam. Meets second Tuesday of the month, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

For Adults with a Mentally Ill Relative-Agawam: Agawam Council on Aging, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam. Meets last Monday of the month, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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AREA SENIORS recently received their annual flu shots at the Agawam Senior Center. In left photo: town nurse Sherry Petrucci and Ken Greenmiller. In right photo: Therese Desautels and Dr. James Doering of Agawam. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Melconian Committed To Protecting Drug Benefits For Senior Citizens

Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is alarmed over the recent loss of unlimited drug benefits for senior citizens that subscribe to HMO plans.

The state law mandating this coverage was invalidated on October 30th when a federal court judge ruled that it was preempted by federal law. Melconian is committed to working with the Senate Health Care committee to help seniors afford essential prescription drugs.

"Drug benefits will be a priority for the legislature in 1999," Melconian said. "Prescription drugs are a life-saving necessity for seniors that must be protected."

Paying for essential prescription drugs is particularly important because the most expensive drugs are often the most necessary. Patients must not fear receiving the care that they need, such as heart surgery, because they will not then be able

to pay for the necessary follow-up drug care.

The loss of unlimited drug benefits is expected to be one of several important health issues that the legislature will address in its 1999 session.

Melconian also supports reforms in HMOs that would create a patient bill of rights and assure that doctors, not insurers, make medically necessary decisions about care.

The Commonwealth already has programs in place to help low income seniors with prescription drug coverage. The Senior Pharmacy Program, which Melconian strongly supported, provides \$750 in annual drug coverage for qualifying seniors.

"Nothing is more critical than access to health and medical care for the citizens of the Commonwealth," said Melconian. "Our health care must be comprehensive, affordable, and of the highest quality."

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Do You Suffer With Gall Bladder Problems?

The gall bladder is a small organ located directly under the liver. It acts as a bile reservoir, it concentrates bile which is secreted by the liver, and is used by the body to digest fats. Bile contains cholesterol, bile salts, lecithin, and other substances.

If the gall bladder is inflamed, it causes severe pain in the upper right abdomen. This is accompanied by fever, nausea, and vomiting.

This condition must be treated immediately. If this is left untreated, inflammation of the gall bladder (called cholecystitis) can be life-threatening.

Sometimes cholesterol crystallizes and combines with bile in the gall bladder to form gallstones. Often persons with gallstones have no symptoms.

If a stone blocks the bile passage, however, nausea, vomiting, and pain in the upper right abdominal region occur. Oftentimes these symptoms arise after eating fried or fatty foods.

Here are some recommended suggestions:

- For gallstones, take three tablespoons of olive oil with the juice of a lemon before bed and upon awakening. Stones are often passed and eliminated in the stool with this technique.

- Apple, pear, and beet juice help cleanse the system.

- Do not overeat. The majority of gall bladder problems occur in women, overweight people, and persons over 40 years of age.

- Avoid sugar and sugar-containing foods. Avoid all animal fat and meat, fried foods, spicy foods, margarine, soft drinks, coffee, chocolate, and refined carbohydrates.

- Vitamin C and vitamin D help with the gall bladder.

Take care of the inside of your body as well as the outside. EAT RIGHT AND EXERCISE!

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

— ADVERTISER NEWS —

Some "Healthy" Holiday Recipes From Baystate Medical Center's Healthful Gourmet

Peter Savenko of Agawam, Baystate Medical Center's Healthful Gourmet, has a number of "healthful" recipes for you and your family to enjoy this holiday season.

"These special holiday recipes all use common sense, health-conscious principles and practices," said Savenko, who is manager of Food Service Operations at Baystate Medical Center.

"We have taken your classic turkey dinner and modified it to make it healthier," noted Savenko.

Among the modifications designed to make the recipe a "Healthful Gourmet" staple are:

- The use of tofu in a Cheddar Broccoli Bake recipe as a replacement for cheese and as a replacement for milk in a recipe for Strawberry Pudding. "The nutritional benefit of tofu is that it's completely cholesterol-free, low in fat, and high in protein," said Savenko.

- Margarine is used instead of butter and egg substitutes are used instead of eggs in order to cut cholesterol levels of recipes.

- Minimal added salt was used for flavor.

- Savenko cooks the stuffing outside of the bird, especially if it contains egg or egg products, so that it will cook thoroughly.

- Savenko's recipe for cranberry relish offers a much higher fiber content than canned cranberry sauce and has no preservatives.

"When it comes to the holidays, although you should always be health conscious, don't be health foolish," said Savenko. "The holidays don't come very often and are meant to be enjoyed. An occasional splurge should not harm anyone if done in moderation."

Don't miss Baystate's own Healthful Gourmet, Peter Savenko, every Tuesday at 12:00 noon on WGGT-TV Channel 40, with more recipes "To Your Health."

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Tricia Porter, R.N., B.S.N., Director of Cardiac Rehab, Noble Hospital
Lynne Jasak, M.S., R.D., Registered Dietician, Noble Hospital

Registration for this program is \$8.00 per person.

Seating is limited and advance registration is required.

Registration deadline is November 13, 1998. To register,

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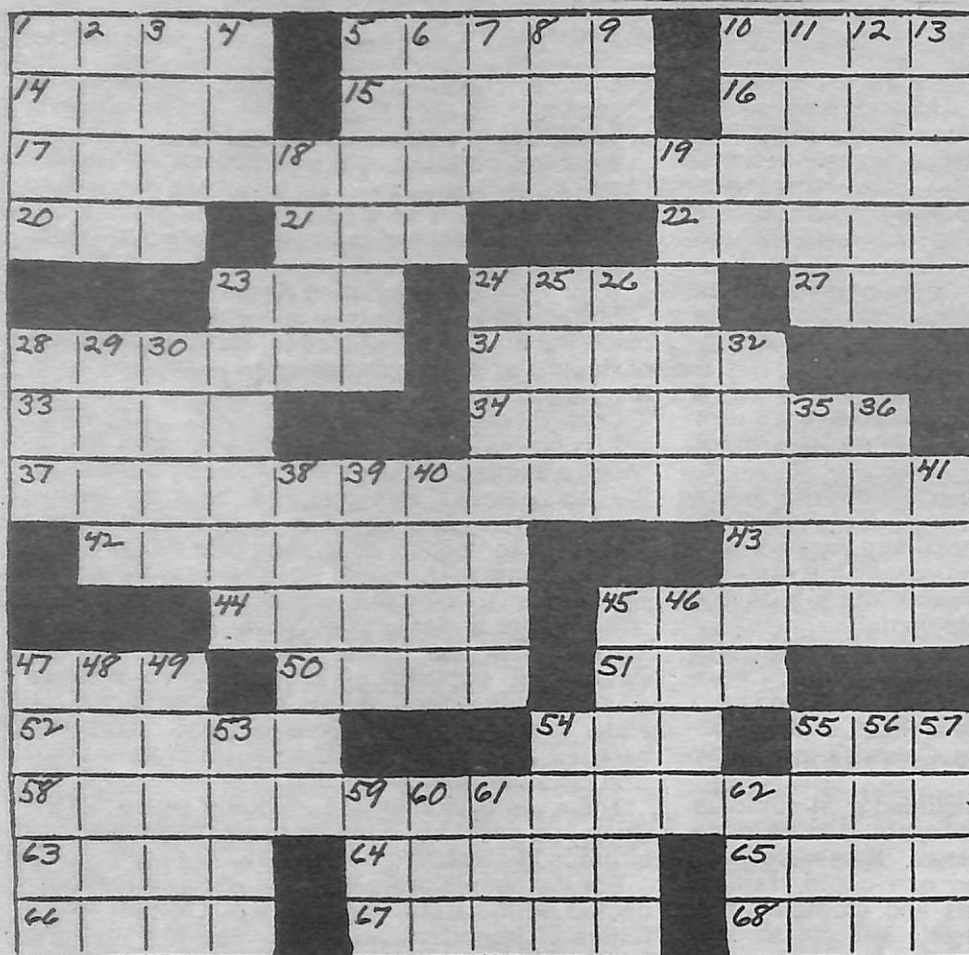
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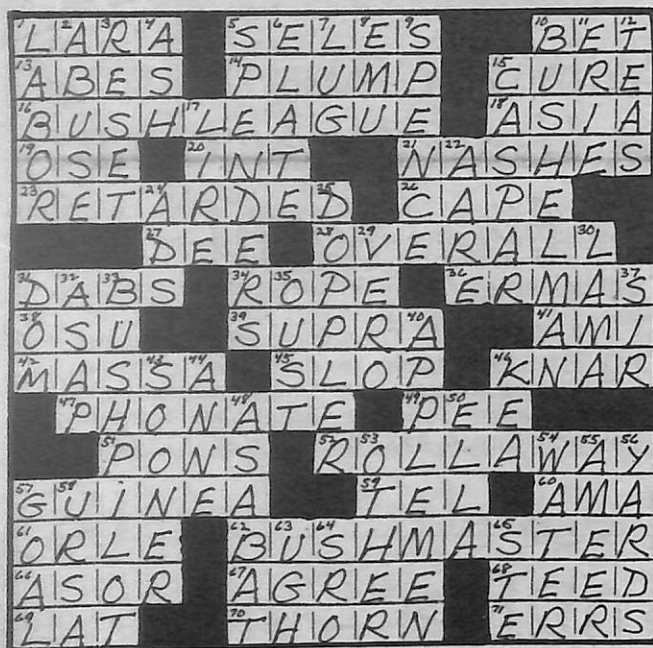


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Theater Project To Stage Comedy By Actor Jeff Daniels

Actor/Writer Jeff Daniels' *Escanaba in da Moonlight* will be presented by the Theater Project at West Springfield's Majestic Theater November 12th-December 12th, according to Producing Director Danny Eaton.

Daniels, known for his film work in *Dumb and Dumber*, and *Terms of Endearment*, among others, wrote the irreverent comedy about a hapless family of deer hunters deep in the woods north of Escanaba in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

The setting is the family deer camp on the night before opening day of hunting season, and Albert Soady (John Carver) and his sons, Reuben (Dave Healy) and Remnar (Don Hunter), along with their friend, Jimmer Negamanee (Shaun Barry), have gathered to indulge in a generation of old family tradition. The comedy also stars Craig Simi and Marlo Yorns. Rand Foerster will direct, costumes will be designed by Ilene Goldstein, and Lorrie Bacon will stage manage.

Selecting the offbeat comedy was an easy decision for Eaton. "It's rare to read a manuscript and laugh so hard it brings tears to your eyes," he says. "Some scripts give you a chuckle on the read-through, and get the real laugh when it's live, but this work is solidly funny, and I knew that was a good indication as to what would happen onstage. Also, we're giving *Escanaba* its east coast premiere, which is a real coup for the Valley."

The play has only been presented a half dozen times, according to Eaton, including twice in the San Francisco area, and four times in Michigan, each performance a sell-out. It was staged twice at Daniels' own Purple Rose Theater in Michigan.

Corporate sponsors for the Theater Project's 1998-99 season at the Majestic Theater include Teddy Bear Pools & Spas, WNNZ Radio, WGGB-TV News40, and the Hayden Corporation.

Other upcoming Theater Project productions include *Anne Frank*, by Meyer Levin (March 11th-April 3rd), and the season-ending *Leader of the Pack: The Ellie Greenwich Musical* (April 22nd-May 22nd).

In addition, the Theater Project will stage a mini-season, the Actor's Choice Series, in January and February of next year. The plays include Alfred Uhry's Pulitzer Prize winning *Driving Miss Daisy* (January 7th-10th and 14th-16th), *Hughie* by Eugene O'Neil (January 28th-31st, February 4th-6th), and a return engagement of *Paul Robeson* (February 18th-21st and 25th-27th).

Season tickets for the subscriber Series (*Escanaba in da Moonlight*, *Anne Frank*, and *Leader of the Pack*) are available by contacting the box office.

Single ticket prices for the Subscriber Series of plays range from \$10 to \$21. Tickets for the Actor's Choice Series range in price from \$10 to \$14. All tickets may be purchased by calling the box office at (413) 747-7797 during its operational hours of Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday (2:00-5:00 p.m.), Wednesday (4:00-8:00 p.m.), and Saturday (10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.).

At First Friday Program...

Photojournalist's Lens Captures Splendor Of Mountain Venture

by Kathy Shepard
AAN Feature Writer

"Nature's Paintbrush" by Roger S. Hart was an evening of lovely natural scenery and joyful musical themes, and for people who are not able to climb hills or scrimmage through branches and brambles, or put up with chilly dawns and scrimshaw with icicles and scuffle with snowdrifts, this presentation gave the chills but left out the discomfort.

For over one hour, the photographer narrated, joked, and informed in a way that took the viewers away from the Agawam Public Library and out into the country.

There were icicles that resembled jaw's teeth, a white caterpillar, a white moth, and, believe it or not, a **white robin** (except for the red breast, of course).

At the beginning of the production, the words "If you love it enough, anything will talk to you," appeared on the screen, and those who came to take part were able to sit comfortably in the library's Community Room and still share the sights one finds on a hike or a mountain venture.

"Nature's Paintbrush" is one of the last programs for 1998 of the Agawam Community Council's First Friday Series. The next one, on December 4th, will be "Maple Run," and will introduce Appalachian clogging, Cajun dancing, and folk dancing.

Hart's white theme also included a fat cumulus cloud, a turkey vulture, a milkweed pod, Winona Falls, and even pussywillows, those delicate decorations of youth, when one could trample around neighborhood woods and stumble upon these natural ornaments pretty enough to take home.

There was reedgrass that looked like white paint brushes, and a bison in Eastover Resort in the Berkshires. Cattails were followed by a flying squirrel, called "pixie of the night."

A cute photo showed three chipmunks poking

out of a crack in a sidewalk, followed by "peepers," of which only the male actually "peeps," for flirting purposes, naturally.

A dramatic shot caught a humpback whale in a "breech," which is believed by whale experts to be the equivalent of a colt's kick. Right after, there was the sight of massive splashes of water from that "kick."

Overwhelming Beauty

The scenes of nature's overwhelming beauty made the time fly by, with spectacular panoramas of visual display, accompanied by lovely and uplifting music.

Color themes included "red ... RED ... and RED!" (all using roses). A cardinal showed well in the snow, a painted turtle's shell allowed contrast for the red "painted" designs, and the story with a pansy picture was about a German word that translates to "beauty of Grandmother's face."

Everything that people so infrequently get to see was shared in this wonderful showcase: a chrysalis of a Monarch butterfly, poppy pods, a racoon in a tree, some fiddle heads, a tiger swallowtail butterfly (with wings like stained glass), a colt's foot, yellow striped salamander, adder's tongue, black-eyed Susans, comfrey, harebell, a rainbow, and the simple statement that God could be seen in all this.

There were moments during the presentation when one could not deny an overwhelming sense of grace in "Nature's Paintbrush."

For the people of Agawam needing to feel connected with nature, this type of cultural event fulfills an important need, the need to commune with the vibrancy of beautiful creatures and country sod. There are many reasons that prevent hiking or sojourns to the marshes and wetlands, making a presentation like "Nature's Paintbrush" a very special treat.

Activity Calendar From The American Academy Of Ballroom Dance In Agawam

The American Academy of Ballroom Dance, 33 Russo Circle, Agawam will sponsor **Group Classes & Dance Party** every Monday night October through December starting at 7:30 with two group classes, followed by open dancing from 9:00-10:30 p.m. Light snacks and beverages will be served. Cost of admission is \$5 per person. Come with or without a partner.

Every Friday night through December, **Group Classes & Dance Party** will be held at a cost of

\$10. Two Social Group Classes will be held from 7:30-9:00 p.m. and open dancing following from 9:00 p.m.-midnight. Light buffet and beverages will be served. Come with or without a partner.

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For more information on the events being offered, please call The American Academy of Ballroom Dance, 413-786-5125 (fax - 413-786-5111).

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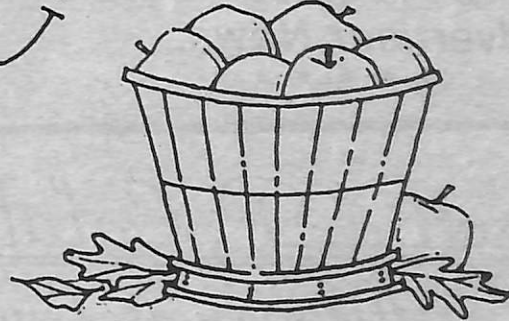
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On November 21st, Springfield Symphony Hall will be host to *From Russia With Love*, featuring Maestro Mark Russell Smith, the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, and guest pianist Cecile Licad showcasing Glinka's *Ruslan and Ludmilla* Overture, Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3, and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5.

Mark Russell Smith describes the overture as a "barn-burning curtain raiser," and says that it is "fast and exciting. It does everything you want an overture to do and sets the mood for the entire evening."

He calls Symphony No. 5, "the quintessential heart-on-sleeve symphony. It has a wonderful romantic slow movement, with sweeping strings. This unequivocally is Tchaikovsky's most beloved symphony."

As with all the Springfield Symphony Orchestra's classical concerts, Mark Russell Smith will be presenting *Classical Conversations*, a pre-concert discussion, at 7:00 p.m. at Symphony Hall. This informal and informative talk gives audience members an opportunity to learn about the evening's program and ask questions about the pieces in a relaxed, casual setting.

From Russia With Love is sponsored by PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP with special support from the Wood Family Foundation. Additional funding has been made available through the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Business Friends of the Arts.

Tickets for the 8:00 p.m. concert are available at the Springfield Symphony Orchestra Box Office, 75 Market Place, downtown Springfield, or can be charged by phone (Visa, Mastercard, Discover) at 413-733-2291. Ticket prices range from \$7 to \$36, and are half-price for youths four through 17.

A 25 percent discount is available for groups of 10 or more. Come join us for an evening of magic and romance, as we celebrate Russian composers with *From Russia With Love* at Springfield Symphony Hall.

Final Performances For Westfield Theater

The final performances for the Westfield Theater Group's production of Neil Simon's *Rumors* will take place this weekend.

On Friday, November 13th, and Saturday, November 14th, the performances will begin at 8:00 p.m. In addition, there will be a 2:00 p.m. matinee on Saturday the 14th.

All performances will take place at the Westfield Women's Club on 28 Court Street in Westfield.

Tickets can be purchased at the Box Office at the Westfield Women's Club. Reservations can be made by calling 572-6838.

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REPRESENTATIVES FROM The Mary Ann Studio of Dance, Inc., who participated in Springfield's recently held Columbus Day Parade. In left photo: standing - Christine Gallant (young professional), Angela Shuman Grout (teacher), and Darcey Cavanaugh; seated - Sarah Latif and Andrea Prova (teachers). In right photo: Melissa ("Missy") Stebbins (far right) as "The Little Mermaid."



Mary Ann Dance Students And Teachers Participate In Columbus Day Parade

Last month, students and teachers from The Mary Ann Studio of Dance, Inc., marched in Springfield's Columbus Day Parade. The studio has been a part of this annual event for the past 40 years.

The "Tiny Tots" had a great time riding in the antique firetruck, while the older girls and boys danced and carried pompoms.

The students also built a float by themselves - "The Little Mermaid," featuring Melissa Stebbins (or "Missy," as she is fondly called by her

students). A great time was had by all!

Agawam students who marched were Brittany DeVoe, Andrea Meloche, members of the Sr. Rockettes team, Lauren McKenzie, Carrie Avezzie, Nicole Parent, Andreina Kuilan, Heather Krassler, Nicole Boyd, and Brittney Twoghigh.

The teachers were Angela Grout, Sarah Latif, Andrea Prova, Melissa ("Missy") Stebbins, Cindy Couture, Darcey Cavanaugh, Barbara Axiotis, April Mosher, and Mary Ann Langone.

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"Oliver!" Is Set To Debut At Agawam High

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

After a 10-year hiatus, musical theater returns to the Agawam High School stage next week with three performances of the well-loved musical version of Dickens' tale of the orphan boy whose "Please sir, can I have some more?" ranks as one of the most recognized lines in all of English literature.

Produced by music teacher Steve Files and directed by Margie Secora and Lyle Pearsons of The Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills, *Oliver!* is playing in the High School auditorium on Friday, November 20th and Saturday, November 21st at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, November 22nd at 2:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 for the general public and \$4 for students in grades K-8 (if accompanied by a parent). Reservations can be made by calling 562-3366.

"Coming to our show is a really good way for the community to see what teens can achieve in a very short time," according to senior Robin Przybyla.

Collaborating for the first time with the AHS Performing Arts Department has been a rewarding experience for Pearsons. Cast members agree that the hard work and effort put into the production guarantees a crowd-pleasing show.

"This is one of our peak years as far as our singing groups go and they're up to this level of performance," Files said. "*Oliver!* is a nice period piece that gets the kids outside themselves and helps them learn about a different culture and a different time period. The costuming will be great and we're building a set to help portray the show."

For Justin Bushey, starring as Fagin, the sheer size and scope of the show is a welcome challenge for the student performers who are veterans of the school's musical reviews and jazz choir productions.

"It is really refreshing to have something this huge going on," Justin said. "We've done smaller scale things and everyone has been great in terms of being responsive to it."

Echoing the other cast members, Diane Griffin said taking on the role of Nancy has been a lot of work and definitely worth the effort. "Margie and Lyle are fantastic (to work with). They're very enthusiastic and patient with us," Diane said.

For Pearsons, celebrating 10 years as co-producer of The Red Door Theatre, working with an older, more mature group of young actors has been a rewarding experience.

"Just to see their progression as actors is worth it," Pearsons said. "At the first rehearsal, everyone is shy, but now we're seeing more energy. They're projecting more with their singing and they're having more fun with it."

And part of the fun is getting into a costume and taking on the identity of a character from another time and place.

"We find anytime the kids are able to don a costume from another time and act out a scene in a place that is foreign to them, they are able to lose themselves and get away from the idea that people are looking at them. They begin to see the audience is looking at their character," Pearsons said.

The production features Jay Yarymowicz as Oliver, Justin Gorman as Mr. Bumble, Tara Fleming as Mrs. Sourberry, and Matt Couture as the Artful Dodger.

Music Department Chairwoman Tamara Watson is the show's Instrumental director.

Barbara McLean Named Administrative Asst. At Academy Hill

The Board of Directors of Academy Hill School recently announced the appointment of Agawam resident Barbara McLean to its staff as administrative assistant.

Ms. McLean brings over 20 years of office and administrative experience to her new position.

Academy Hill School is a non-profit organization founded in 1979 by parents and professionals dedicated to providing challenging programming for gifted children.

The mission of the school is to provide a safe, caring, respectful learning community for elementary school children who show early signs of exceptional ability in academics, creativity, and leadership.



YOUNG OLIVER (Jay Yarymowicz) is captured by cohorts Bet (Robin Przybyla) and Nancy (Diane Griffin) as ruffian thief Bill Sikes (Mike O'Connor) looks on approvingly in Agawam High School's production of "*Oliver!*." Directed by Margie Secora and Lyle Pearsons, the musical will run November 20th and 21st at 7:30 p.m., and November 22nd at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each, and they can be reserved by calling 562-3366.

Student Cadre Sponsors "Halloween Costume Day" At Agawam Junior High School

On Friday, October 30th, many students and faculty at the Agawam Junior High School participated in "Halloween Costume Day," sponsored by the Student Cadre.

This annual event benefits the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry. Assistant Principal Marc Costanzi, who is the cadre's director, explained that in order for students to participate in the holiday event, they and their parents signed a contract stating that only costumes deemed appropriate to a school environment were to be worn to school.

Also, each student agreed to donate at least two non-perishable food items to the Open Pantry. The school's 22 cadre members assisted with the collection of donated items and filled several huge boxes, which were later delivered to the Open Pantry.

Costumes were judged by staff members in the following categories: Scariest, Funniest, Most

Original, and Honorable Mention.

All winners received bags of assorted Halloween candy. The winners in the scariest category were Kerry Tompsett, Elizabeth Couture, Tonya Barufaldi, and Enjoli Chiclana.

Declared to be wearing the funniest costume were Robert Mesick, Michael Mercadante, Erin Gormley, and Brianne Nicklaw.

For the most original, winners were Steven Iacolo, Kristen Strole, Katie Malloy, and Tom Legacy.

Receiving honorable mention were Doug Zelisko, Jessica Tully, Tiffany Lafleche, and Katherine Bousquet.

Mr. Costanzi stated that he was very pleased with the student and faculty participation in this year's Costume Day and was amazed by the creativity displayed in many of the costumes that were worn.

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Monday, November 16th: Pepperoni-topped pizza, seasoned green beans, chilled peaches in syrup, milk.

Tuesday, November 17th: Taco boat with cheese topping, seasoned niblet corn, rosy applesauce, chocolate brownie, milk.

Wednesday, November 18th: Hamburg with gravy on whipped potatoes, seasoned mixed vegetables, wheat bread and butter, chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Thursday, November 19th: Oven-baked chicken nuggets, steamed rice, seasoned diced carrots, bread and butter, honey, oatmeal cookie, milk.

Friday, November 20th: Grilled cheese sandwich, tossed garden salad with creamy dressing, oven French fries, cherry fruit snacks, milk.

(Tickets may be purchased on Monday in the elementary schools for the week. Meal price is \$1.10 daily. If paying by check, make check out to "Agawam School Lunch.")

Agawam Junior High Slates Parent/Teacher Conference Night

On Thursday, November 19th, the Agawam Junior High School will conduct its annual Parent/Teacher Conference Night from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

During the week of November 9th, teachers will mail home invitations for these eight-minute individual conferences. Parents who receive invitations are asked to telephone the guidance office at 821-0566, either Monday, November 16th or Tuesday, November 17th, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in order to schedule a time for these conferences. Parents are advised to call promptly to reserve a time that is most convenient for them.

School principal Kevin C. Littlefield states that parents who do not receive an invitation, but still wish to see an individual teacher, should contact the guidance office on Wednesday, November 18th between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., as a limited number of appointments have been made available for those parents.

He points out that any parent calling Wednesday, but not able to schedule an appointment for November 19th, will receive a call from the teacher in order to discuss their child's current academic standing.

Mr. Littlefield explains that the conference night format was developed by the staff as a means of eliminating overcrowded conditions and long waiting lines. Also, he believes that communication is more effective during these lengthier appointments.

Mr. Littlefield invites parents to keep in close contact with the school's guidance counselors and teachers in order to monitor their child's progress throughout the academic year.

AHS Class of 1968 To Hold 30th Reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1968 will hold its 30th reunion on Friday, November 27th, and classmates are urged to make their reservations before November 23rd.

Dress will be informal at Ferruccio's Banquet House, 1520 Main St., Agawam, with the emphasis on mingling, fine food, and having fun. The event will begin with hors d'oeuvres from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and be followed by an elaborate buffet dinner beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Reminiscing and dancing to the music of DJ Jo will continue to 2:00 in the morning.

There will be all-you-can-eat, from antipasto and ziti, to prime rib, chicken champagne, and veal tenderloin with all the fixings. A dessert buffet with everything from fresh fruit and Italian cookies to cake and pastries will be served later in the evening.

Tickets are \$30 per person, with a cash bar. Checks should be made payable to AHS Class of '68 Reunion and mailed to Mark Maniscalchi, 1409 Amostown Road, West Springfield, MA 01089.

For more information, call 734-2231.

— ADVERTISER NEWS —

STCC Faculty Named To Who's Who Among Teachers, 1998

Twenty-seven faculty members at Springfield Technical Community College, including Feeding Hills residents Mary M. Bennett (Biological Sciences) and William B. Herd (Business Administration), have been named to *Who's Who Among Teachers, 1998*.

Teachers included in this publication are selected by one or more former students who themselves were listed in either *Who's Who Among American High School Students* or *The National Dean's List*.

The publisher of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* said, "There is no greater honor for a teacher than to be recognized for excellence by former students, especially when those students represent the best high school and college students in America today."

"Student Financial Aid Workshop" At STCC On Nov. 22nd

A "Student Financial Aid Workshop" sponsored by Congressman Richard E. Neal will be held on Sunday, November 22nd at Springfield Technical Community College, Scibelli Hall, One Armory Square, Springfield, MA.

The public is invited to this FREE workshop, "Planning for College Now and in the Future."

From 1:00-2:00 p.m., featured speakers include Linda Dagradi, Director of Financial Aid, Springfield College, "What you need to know about applying for financial aid," and Scott Prince, Mass. Educational Financing Authority, "Preparing to meet the cost of education."

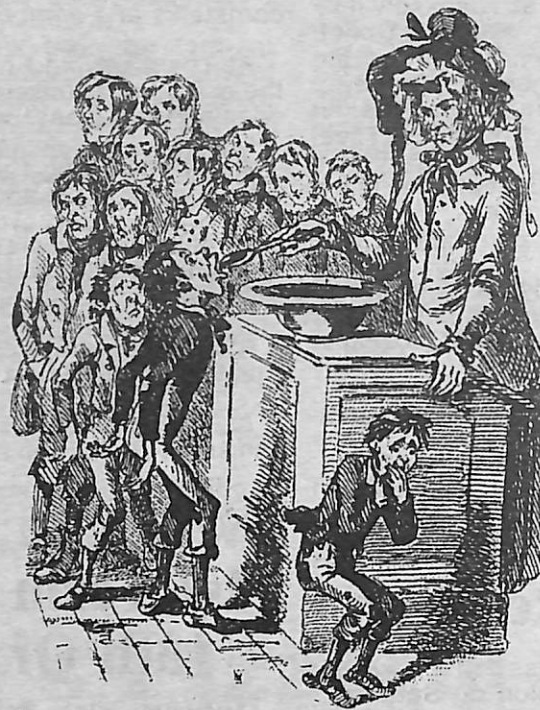
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At Thanksgiving I see pictures of turkeys, Indians, and Pilgrims. I see cranberries, cornucopias, and my relatives.

Kendra Albano

I hear turkeys gobbling. I can hear people eating food at Thanksgiving.

Scott Riley

At Thanksgiving I hear turkeys. I hear laughing, too. People make a lot of noise at Thanksgiving.

Maryssa Gonet

At Thanksgiving I see pictures of Pilgrims, Indians, cornucopias. I see cranberries, turkeys, pumpkins, pumpkin pies, and relatives. I sometimes see a real live turkey. Sometimes I see a Thanksgiving parade.

Joseph Pietroniro

At Thanksgiving I see turkeys, Indians, Pilgrims, cranberries, cornucopias, relatives, and a Thanksgiving parade.

Alyssa Styckiewicz

At Thanksgiving I hear my parents laughing. I hear the doors in my house opening and closing. I hear my cousins coming in my house. I hear my Meme, my grampa, and all the people I know.

Russell Petrucci

AHS Class of 1983 Seeks "Missing" Alumni For Reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1983 will be holding its 15-year Class Reunion on Saturday, November 28th at the Storowton Tavern Carriage House in West Springfield.

Invitations have been sent out, however, we are still unable to find the following classmates:

Lori Bartnik, O.D., Barbara Avery Larrier, Judy Breton, Jeffrey Brown, Thomas Burr, Pamela Cooper Tudryn, Deborah Curz Norton, Joseph Curran II, David Jagodowski, Donna Fogg Moccio, Todd Huhtanen, Suzanne Fruwirth, Mark Goodwin, Heidi Heidrun, Sean Hillios, Chris Jennison, Scott Karen, Jeffrey Losito, Doreen Mahoney, Brenda Lavell.

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If you know the whereabouts of any of these classmates or if you are a member of the Class of 1983 and did not receive an invitation, please call Kathy (Altobelli) Boccasile at 531-7455 or Peter Borrello at 731-2303.

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THE STUDENTS OF Bridget O'Brien's Grade 2, Room 8 classroom at Phelps Elementary School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

At Thanksgiving you can hear turkeys gobbling. You can hear people laughing.

Adam Pafumi

At Thanksgiving I see a turkey on the table. I see my cousin Amanda. I also see a lot of people. I always watch Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Caitlin Paulin

I see pictures of Pilgrims and cranberries. I see cornstalks and cornucopias at Thanksgiving.

Nikolai Martin

At Thanksgiving I hear the turkey bubbling in the oven. I hear turkeys gobbling. I hear the oven opening for a giant turkey to go in and out.

Niko Kalaitzidis

At Thanksgiving I smell cooked turkey. I can smell pumpkin pie and apple pie.

Jessica MacFaddin

I smell pumpkin pie at Thanksgiving. I smell apples and cinnamon. I also smell seasoning and potatoes.

Zena Davenport

At Thanksgiving I smell cooked turkey. I also smell pumpkin pie. I also smell cider.

Jonathan O'Brien

At Thanksgiving I smell cooked turkey. I also can smell cider. I can smell pumpkin pie in the air.

Rachel LaGuercia

At Thanksgiving I smell cooked turkey. I also smell apple pie. They smell really good!

Emily Sotolotto

I hear turkeys gobbling. I hear people eating apples. I hear the people singing. I hear people snoring. I hear people talking on Thanksgiving.

Isabel Ablianitis

At Thanksgiving I smell the seasoning on the turkey. I also smell the potatoes.

Corey Fennyery

At Thanksgiving I smell pumpkin pie. I smell cooked turkey. I smell cider. I smell some stuffing.

Zachary Mongeau

I smell turkey at Thanksgiving. It smells good. I smell corn and potatoes.

Justin Arbo

At Thanksgiving I smell pumpkin pie. I smell stuffing and gravy. I smell cider and potatoes.

Gabriela Rossi

I hear turkeys gobbling and families and friends talking and laughing. I hear the ring of the timer on the oven. I hear people eating food.

William Krach

At Thanksgiving I smell the cornbread. I smell turkey at Thanksgiving. I smell corn on the cob. That is what I smell on Thanksgiving.

Gregory Greene

News From Agawam High School...

1st Term Report Cards To Be Issued On Nov. 13th Or 16th; Parents' Night On Nov. 16th

Agawam High School Principal Joseph S. Zabielski has announced that first-term report cards will be issued either on Friday, November 13th or Monday, November 16th.

Agawam High School will hold Parents' Night

on Monday, November 16th from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

The purpose of Parents' Night is to give the parents/guardians a chance to meet with their children's teachers to discuss academic progress.

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Zabielski Seeks School Committee Approval To Designate 32 "Honors" Courses At AHS

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

With the backing of the academic department heads and the school council, High School Principal Joseph Zabielski is seeking School Committee approval for a proposal to designate 32 existing courses as "honors" courses and create two new honors courses.

"We have 727 students enrolled in the 32 courses we already have that are honors level courses," Zabielski said. "It's the obligation of the High School to bring out the highest level of achievement in personal growth and in academic standards in our students. We're already doing it, so we may as well be proud of it."

Zabielski said designating honors level courses will help Agawam students who must compete with students from schools that designate their honors courses on their transcripts when applying to colleges and universities and in scholarship applications. Also, clearly labeling honors courses and describing the course work more fully in the course offerings booklet will help students make more informed choices when selecting their courses, Zabielski said.

Zabielski garnered support from several committee members and from School Superintendent Frank Ameruso for his plan to rename the 32 courses that the department heads have determined to be honors level courses after many months of analysis and several workshops with School Committee members. However, the proposal for an honors English course for sophomores appears to be dead in the water.

Lone Voice

School Committeewoman Teresa Kozloski was alone in voicing her support for Zabielski's proposal to create an honors English course for 10th-graders, but the plan to offer a new honors course in civics drew praise from some committee members.

Ameruso and Assistant Superintendent Mary Czajkowski, as well as some School Committee members, said they would not support the creation of an honors English class for 10th-graders. Their reasons included philosophical differences; a fear of jeopardizing the heterogeneous English classes in ninth and 10th grade by removing the top students from the mix; the need to rewrite the curriculum at the Junior High in order to prepare students for honors English in 10th grade; and the lack of supporting data to indicate a need for the course.

School Committeewoman Linda Galarneau said she favored designating existing courses as honors level work, but she favored retaining the heterogeneous English program for 10th-graders.

"I haven't seen any information that the ninth and 10th grade heterogeneous classes are not working, but I did see a 1996 memo from the Junior and Senior High School faculty recommending heterogeneous English classes with an opportunity for an honors portfolio. I question why all of a sudden we need to change," Mrs. Galarneau said.

School Committeewoman Susan Pettazzoni

said she was "thrilled" with the proposal for an honors course in civics, but she was not willing to change the 10th grade English program just two years after it was supported by the English Department.

Currently, there are no formally designated honors courses, although students can take Advanced Placement courses and earn college credit by taking a standardized test. Ninth- and 10th-graders can earn an honors designation in English by completing a portfolio representing three extra hours of work each week for four terms.

20 Students Typically Complete Portfolio Work

Typically, about 40 students begin portfolios and about 20 students complete the work for all four terms. In science and math, students self-select the academic level of their coursework by the classes they choose.

Mrs. Kozloski said, "We might as well face it. We have students with the ability and the will to go into these challenging courses. And without letting them have an honors English class until the 11th or 12th grade, we are doing a disservice to our students."

Ms. Czajkowski argued against making any major changes in the curriculum until the School Department has a chance to review the MCAS test results due at the end of the month, and she also pointed out that the new curriculum hasn't been in place long enough to determine if changes are necessary.

Ameruso said he is in 100 percent agreement with Zabielski on the need to have honors opportunities for the students. But, Ameruso said he does not support the creation of an honors English class for 10th grade students. Ameruso supports portfolio opportunities offered to students in all the academic disciplines rather than just in the English Department.

"My recommendation will take the form of honors portfolio courses to protect the integrity of the heterogeneous classrooms," Ameruso said.

School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson said he will propose a three-part resolution for the committee to consider: designating 32 courses as honors level courses, creating a civics honors course, and creating a grade 10 English honors course.

The committee is expected to vote on the proposal at the December 8th meeting.

"We're talking about designating courses as honors so that students know there will be a greater level of difficulty, and colleges and universities will know the students who took the more difficult courses by their transcripts. It's long overdue," Johnson said.

Johnson said he would recommend adding a weighting factor to the grade of students who complete a portfolio of extra work as an incentive to complete the work.

Agawam High School Guidance Bulletin

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES: Congratulations!

Brenna McGinn - University of Hartford.

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES: If you are interested in meeting with any of the following college representatives, you should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office.

November 17th: Manhattan College, 9:00; Fordham University, 10:00; Ithaca College, 12:45.

November 18th: Mass. College of Pharmacy, 12:00.

November 23rd: Bradford College, 8:30; Dean College, 9:30.

SCHOLARSHIPS: See your counselor for more information or an application.

The following colleges are offering merit scholarships to students who plan to enroll there: **Roanoke College; State University of New York at Morrisville; Fairleigh Dickinson University; Wingate University; Elmira College; The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale; Manhattan College French and Spanish Scholarship Competitions; University of Maine at Farmington Alumni Scholars Program; New Jersey Institute of Technology Engineering Design Competition; Niagara University; and Saint Michael's College State Scholarship Program.**

A representative from the Marine Corps will be here November 16th at 11:15 to discuss the Navy ROTC program with interested juniors and seniors. See Mrs. Tirone in the guidance office if you are interested in attending this conference.

Boston University Trustee Scholars Program: Open to students who are in the top five percent of their class and have SAT scores around 1,400. These scholars are typically very active in their schools and communities. See your counselor before December 1, 1998.

Teen Anti-Drug Lifetime Leadership Scholarship Award: This program will honor 11 college-bound high school seniors throughout the state who, through school, work, or extracurricular activities, have demonstrated peer leadership qualities, initiative, and responsibility on the anti-drug front. If interested, see Mrs. Williams before December 16, 1998.

Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship: Applicants for this scholarship should have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, demonstrate skilled writing ability, achieve a combined SAT score of 1,000 or higher, and rank in the top 20 percent of the class. The applicant must also demonstrate a balance of community, school, and work activities. The intent of this award is to enable students to attend the college of their choice which they ordinarily might not be able to afford. Deadline: May 1, 1999.

OPEN HOUSES: See your counselor for more information.

Fairleigh Dickinson University - November 15th and December 12th.

Anna Maria College Music Department - November 15th.

Westfield State College Department of Music Auditions - November 18th, January 27th, and February 17th.

Maria Kubik Awarded Master Of Science Degree At Wheelock

Maria Kubik of Cambridge, MA was awarded her Master of Science degree from Wheelock College in Boston, at a Commencement Ceremony on August 7, 1998. She earned her degree with a major in special education.

Ms. Kubik is the daughter of Kenneth and Dorine Kubik of Feeding Hills.

While at Wheelock, Ms. Kubik was involved with the Teaching Students with Special Needs Program.

Ms. Kubik will be the lead teacher at New England Home for Little Wanderers.

Wheelock College is a private coeducational college founded in 1888 by Lucy Wheelock, a leader in the American kindergarten movement. The College is an internationally recognized institution, whose mission is to improve the quality of life for children and their families through a clearly defined focus on early childhood education and social service.

It is the only college in the United States offering the full range of professional certification for early childhood and elementary education, as well as undergraduate and graduate degrees in social work. It is one of only four colleges in the nation offering training in Child Life that involves working with small children with severe illnesses.

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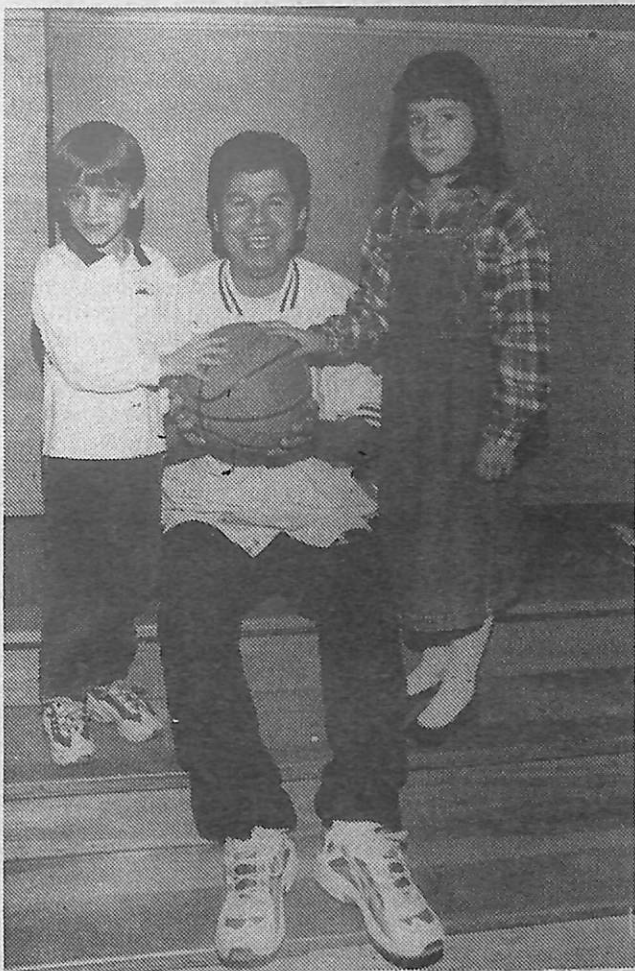
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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Carla Chase, Clark PTO President; Darilynn Nardi, Feeding Hills Branch Manager of Woronoco Savings Bank; and Barbara Nitri, banking coordinator. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FORMER BOSTON CELTICS PLAYER Ernie DiGregorio (center) with Brandon Chase and Hillary Purrington during the "Savings Makes Cents" program. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

James Clark Students Participate In School Banking Prog.

James Clark School launched its school banking program with a kick-off rally on Wednesday, October 28th. They are participating in the State Treasurer's "Savings Makes Cents" program, offered locally through Woronoco Savings Bank in Feeding Hills.

On hand to motivate the students was former Boston Celtics and Providence College All-American Ernie DiGregorio. DiGregorio spoke to the children about the importance of saving their money at an early age, played some games with them, and gave autographed photos to everyone.

Branch Manager Darilynn Nardi also presented a monetary donation to PTO president Carla Chase and school banking coordinator Barbara Nitri, on behalf of Woronoco Savings.

The PTO will put the money towards a fund to purchase new window shades for the classrooms.

Young "Ghost" Writers At Clark School...



BOYS AND GIRLS in Joyce Rheaume's first-grade classroom at Clark Elementary School recently made a "very scary" bulletin board as a follow-up writing activity to their reading program. During this program in which the children learned how to write about themselves, they gave clues as to who they were and drew pictures of themselves underneath a ghost pattern. According to everyone involved, this was a very "boo"-tiful project! Congratulations to the budding writers of Room 4 at Clark School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

During Thanksgiving week, we will publish on Tuesday, November 24th, instead of Thursday, November 26th.

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AHS Students Work On Project With Westfield Bank

Starting with the fall term, a dedicated group of 31 Agawam High School students have been hard at work in a new program designed to teach them some of the intricacies of becoming entrepreneurs.

Gerald Smith, a longtime business teacher at the school, was selected to coordinate the project.

During the semester, the students have had numerous opportunities to interact with local business people to learn more about real life situations. One of the businesses involved is Westfield Bank, since financing their projects will be a key component to success as an entrepreneur.

According to Alice M. Babcock, Vice President and Marketing Director of Westfield Bank, "When we were approached by Gerry Smith to participate in this unique educational program, it was of immediate interest to us. Most successful businesses of today came from the entrepreneurs of the last few years."

Mrs. Babcock continues, "It's important to us to help influence the entrepreneurs of the future since they will be our good customers in the years ahead."

During the classroom sessions conducted by Mrs. Babcock, the students applied for a loan and learned about the importance of establishing and maintaining a good credit history. The proceeds of their loans will be used to provide seed money for a trip to New York City to purchase merchandise in the wholesale district. The goods will then be used to generate a profit.

The program will conclude at the end of the semester with a final accounting produced by the students, their loan repaid, and the "profits" distributed to the participants.

The Entrepreneur Program is currently being run in pilot format at seven local area schools. It is coordinated locally by STCC. Depending on the success of the programs, additional schools may be added next year.

Mrs. Babcock notes, "Westfield Bank is excited to be a part of the pilot program. We are looking forward to working with STCC and other area schools to expand this program in 1999."

"Open House" Slated For November 19th At St. Mary's High School

The faculty and staff of St. Mary's High School, 27 Bartlett St., Westfield invite prospective students and their families to an Open House at the school on Thursday evening, November 19th from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

St. Mary's is a small, Catholic, college-prep high school located in a quiet neighborhood. Principal Paul Romani invites prospective students and their parents to attend the Open House, which will include tours of the classrooms, science and computer labs, and the library. Students and their families will have an opportunity to speak with faculty, administrators, students, and the parents of current students. It is an excellent opportunity to learn more about St. Mary's academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs and to become acquainted with members of the STM community.

In addition, students attending the Open House will have a chance to win one of two major door prizes: a half-year's tuition or a quarter-year's tuition. Don't miss the very special opportunity to learn more about St. Mary's affordable, quality Catholic education.

If you are unable to attend, or for more information, please call the school at 568-5692.

'Parents Anonymous' Is Open To The Public

Parents Anonymous (PA) is a free and confidential support group for parents who would like their relationship with their children to be less stressful. At PA, parents have an opportunity to talk with others who may be having the same problems and fears and learn to deal with the stress of parenting in ways that are healthier and happier for the entire family.

Parents are welcome to join at any time and there are no fees or dues. Free child care is provided, and local groups meet in Westfield.

If you are interested in joining this special group, please call the Western Massachusetts Regional Coordinator at 731-5051.

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AHS BUSINESS TEACHER Gerald Smith (third from the left) and Alice Babcock of Westfield Bank with high school "entrepreneurs" Kyle Stocks, Matt Brady, Jillian Lee Rouvellat, Kara Tierney, and Bridget Donovan. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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St. John's Pack 77 Cub Scouts Have Had A Busy Fall Season

St. John's Pack 77 Cub Scouts got off to a busy start with a September theme of "Be a Detective." We would like to thank Agawam Detectives Gruska and Pfau for taking the time to put on a demonstration for the boys at their September pack meeting.

The scouts then became detectives at three "senses" tables (smell, touch, and sight) and also for a set-up crime scene. They had to observe the clues and then choose the guilty party from a lineup.

October continued to be busy for Pack 77 with a weekend of camping at Moses Reservation, sponsoring the pumpkin patch at Riverside one Friday night, holding their fall bottle/can drive at Dave's Soda & Pet City, and an "Imagine That" pack meeting.

Thanks to Riverside and all the pumpkin painters for a successful October 23rd donation night. And thanks also to Dave's Soda & Pet City, the employees, and its patrons who donated their bottles and cans to make our fall fundraiser a success.

Our pack was busy with a special Bobcat ceremony for our seven new Bears, a forest skit from Bear Den 8, and a musical skit from Bear Den 7 with their homemade instruments. Wolf Den 1 displayed their handmade birdhouses and many of our cub scouts received awards they had earned.

Our November pack meeting will be on Wednesday the 18th at 6:45 p.m. at St. John's hall.

Our theme this month is "Stop the Presses."



CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS Nikita Reshamwala and Brian Rondeau are congratulated by AHS Principal Joseph Zabielski and guidance counselor Ann Marie Gould.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Nikita Reshamwala & Brian Rondeau Receive Merit Certificates

Agawam High School seniors Nikita Reshamwala and Brian Rondeau received certificates of achievement and merit for their contribution in the area of community service.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and Prudential, were presented by Principal Joseph Zabielski on Wednesday, November 4th.

Both Reshamwala and Rondeau have been exemplary in their service to the community. As recipients of the award, they become statewide contenders for a \$1,000 stipend, engraved silver medallions, and a trip to Washington, D.C. next May.

Congratulations to these deserving seniors.

ADVERTISER NEWS



THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 16TH-18TH was a "perfect weather" weekend for some Pack 77 Cub Scouts (pictured above and below) and their adult partners at Camp Woronoak at Moses Reservation. Everyone pitched in to help with setting up camp, cooking, activities, and breaking down camp. The scouts enjoyed hiking through different areas of the camp and were fortunate to be able to observe a Boy Scout Troop and their activities. The Cub Scouts came home with wonderful stories, much experience, and anticipation for the next camping weekend.



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Sports

Gymnastics Profile...

Lisa Marsh's Athletic Career Has Been "On The Beam"

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Lisa Marsh is a senior member of the defending All-Western Mass. champion Agawam High gymnastics team. Recently, she took some time out to talk to us about her days at AHS.

She has spent four years at the High School and will graduate next June. Lisa is 17 years-old. Her birthday is February 19th. She is taking college curriculum, including math, English, and other subjects. She is involved in the school yearbook, where she is responsible for layouts. Lisa is also on the staff of the school's newspaper - the MIRROR (as the news editor). Her favorite course is the yearbook. Her top teacher is Joseph Fitzgerald, who instructs in U.S. History.

She has no concrete plans for college right now. "Maybe UMass Dartmouth," she added. Wherever Lisa goes, she'd like to major in journalism.

Gymnastics is her sole sport at Agawam High. She has been involved in it for three years. She is also a dancer. "I've been doing dance for 11 years, but I always wanted to try gymnastics," she said.

At the high school level, the sport has four disciplines: balance beam, floor, vault, and uneven bars. Because of her background in dance, she favors the floor, but also competes in the vault and beam. Currently, she is learning the bars.

"I didn't place in that event in our last meet (a victory over Amherst and Minnechaug), but I could see myself getting better," Lisa smiled.



SENIOR GYMNAST LISA MARSH

Most Memorable Sport Moment

Her most memorable sport moment came last season when the team won the Western Mass. title. "It was the first time in the school's history that gymnastics won Western Mass., and I was lucky enough to be a part of it," she said.

So far, Lisa is positive about this season. "We are all focused. We're the defending champs and we want to keep our title. Our big challenge is Pitt-



LISA MARSH in front of the balance beam.

sfield, who beat us earlier in the year. We look forward to getting another chance at them in the Sectionals."

On Tuesday, November 10th, the Brownies raised their record to 15-2 and 14-2 in league play, thereby tying them with Westfield and Pittsfield (see story on this page).

Lisa's favorite food is chocolate. Purple is her color of choice.

A new Mustang would be her favorite car. "I have one now, but it's a '90," she said.

She doesn't really have any favorite athletes or teams. "I don't follow too many sports," Lisa admitted.

She likes to relax at her friends' houses or at Friendly's.

As far as clothes, she said, "I like anything comfortable." The senior finds those comfortable duds at "The Express" at the Holyoke Mall.

She likes top 40 music. The Dave Mathews Band is her favorite group.

"Dawson's Creek" is her top tube pick. "Billy Madison," starring Adam Sandler, is her number one big screen flick.

Her mom's name is Christine. Francis is her dad. She has a 14 year-old brother, Brian, who plays soccer and will be at the High School next year.

Lisa says she looks up to her mom. "She has done a lot of things in her life. She does what she wants to do. I think that's neat."

When her days are done as a Brownie, Lisa would like to be remembered in this way: "As a nice kid who was nice to everybody."

Her coach, Angela Sullivan, has said this of Lisa many times before in the space: "She came to us as a dancer and has used those skills to excel in gymnastics. She is a good competitor and has been an asset to our program in her time with us."

AHS Ready For The Sectionals...

Brownie Gymnasts Defeat Westfield And Gateway

by Dave Rollins
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High gymnastics team had a huge meet Tuesday night against Westfield and Gateway, and came away with a close double win (Agawam, 123.9; Westfield, 123.65; Gateway, 103.6). Their record rose to 15-2 and 14-2 in league play.

That win ties them with Westfield and Pittsfield for the league crown. Their next stop will be the sectionals on November 20th-21st. They will be defending their Western Mass. title at that time.

Gave 100 Percent

"As a team, we could have done better. But Westfield is tough. The only way the kids won Tuesday evening was because they all gave 100 percent," Coach Angela Sullivan said.

There were some outstanding performances turned in by the Brownies. On the beam, senior Lisa Marsh did well. Lisa didn't place in the top three, but she nailed her dismount and that shows she is getting ready for the tournament," the coach noted.

While sophomore Leila Sekkal grabbed third in that event, Sullivan took note of Lindsay Hadden's performance. The senior co-captain is having trouble with her knee again. "She showed a lot of courage by nailing her dismount. That had to hurt," Sullivan said.

The uneven bars saw Marsh, along with sophomore Liz Clark, come through. Neither finished in the top three, but each displayed routines that were imaginative. Senior Amanda Peters also did well in that event. "Those three are peaking at just the right time for Western Mass.," Sullivan noted.

Hadden finished third on the bars. She always does well there because her knee isn't involved.

The floor saw Marsh finish with a score of 8.1. According to the coach, that was a personal best for her, despite the fact that she just fell short of a top three finish. Michelle Cote also did well on the floor. "She is a great asset to this team. Michelle has talent beyond her years," Sullivan said of the freshman.

Sekkal finished second in the vault with a hand-spring into a full twist. "She can do one of the most difficult vaults there is, a front handspring into a front solto, but at this level, what she did was good enough," Sullivan said.

"This is a relaxed team. We were up for this meet. The kids were laying on their mats waiting for me to arrive. They are very loose. They have a lot of confidence in themselves. They don't have to be motivated. It just comes naturally for them. When practice starts, the kids are all business," Sullivan added.



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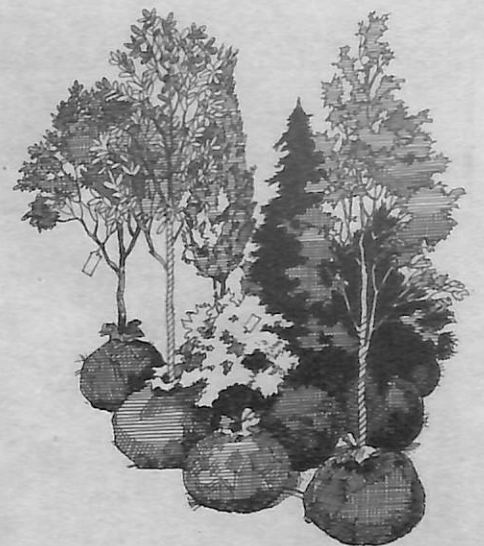
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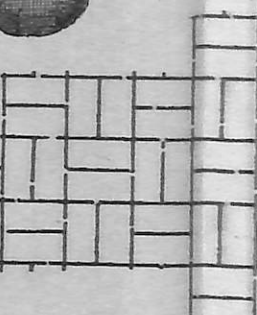
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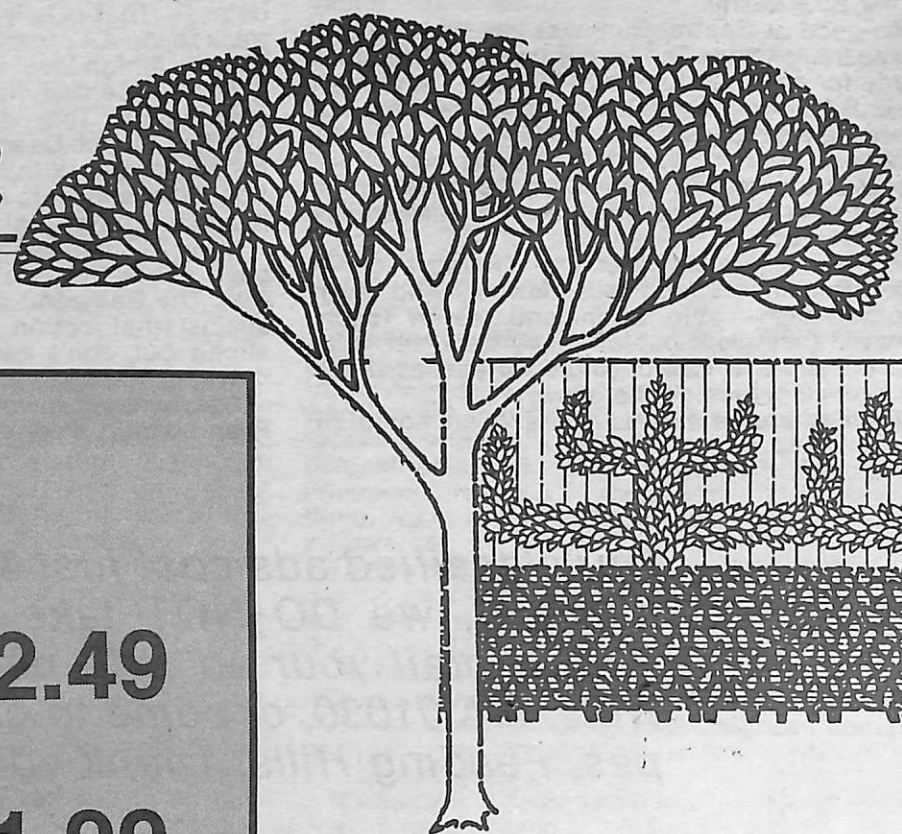
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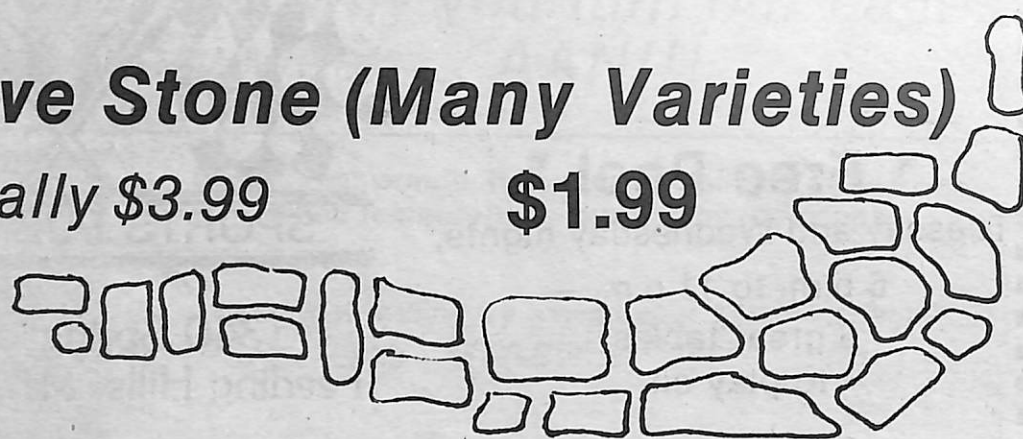
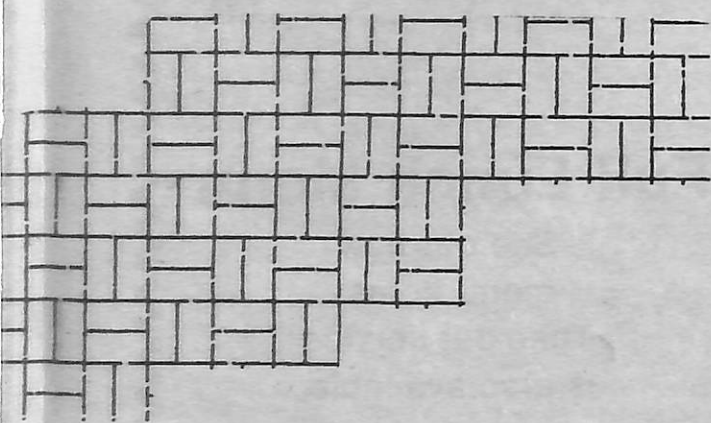
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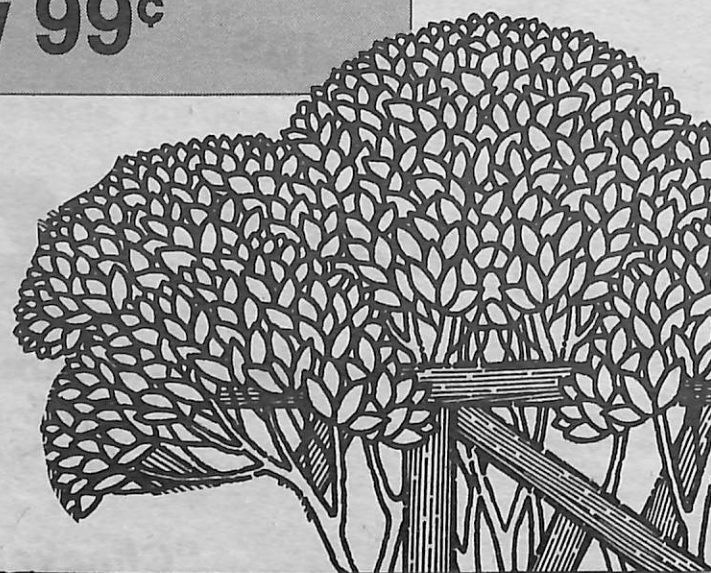
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Football Preview...

Brownies Looking To Put An End To Cathedral's Undefeated Season

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High football team has to get well. They're on a two-game losing streak. They have had no luck.

Springfield Cathedral is coming to town Friday night. The Panthers are 8-0. The Brownies are 3-5. It will be an AA game. Agawam could win this one, thus bursting Cathedral's chances for an undefeated season (they are in line for a Division I Super Bowl berth).

As good as Central High was last Friday night, Cathedral is better. But here is the rub: Agawam is ready for some serious butt-kicking. They won't have Brian Gallagher (dislocated shoulder), but everyone else is healthy.

Mike O'Connor has come into his own. Dave Moore is a force, and Jason Daigneau is an option runner who runs that play behind quarterback Brian St. Jean.

They will meet another top running back — Mike Buoniconti (six touchdowns). And even another one — Vin Buoniconti (seven touchdowns). They work out of a two back set, with quarterback B.J. Lawlor (three TD passes, three TD's running) running the show.

Their offensive line is big and anchored by

defensive end Chris McDonald (6'3", 200 pounds). Bill Ostiguy (6'3", 200 pounds) is a force on the other side. They have some outstanding defensive backs, led by junior Mike Martin of Feeding Hills (6'3", 185 pounds).

Cathedral Will Throw And Run...

Cathedral will throw and run. They mix it up on defense. That is why they are 8-0 and on the fast track to the AA crown. But the Brownies can compete on a high level with them.

Against Central, they had only one turnover (an interception). They were beaten up in their defensive line. Coach Dean Vecchiarelli will not let that happen again. With Gallagher out at linebacker, Bob Fuller and Marc Pedraza (back from his throat injury) will have to step up.

Brian St. Jean is an outstanding option quarterback. We watch them practice and understand that. The Cathedral defense will have a problem against that option because they are big and strong but don't have particularly outstanding outside coverage.

Agawam will have to pass against Cathedral. Ryan Longtin, Pedraza, O'Connor, and Daigneau

can catch the ball. St. Jean can throw it. They will have to go over the middle because Cathedral plays man defense and they can cover the long routes. Agawam will have to run a receiver out of the backfield. That will be O'Connor's job. Again, the middle will be vulnerable in the Cathedral defense.

The bottom line is this — Agawam won't have Gallagher running up the middle. But they will have O'Connor and Moore. Those two, along with St. Jean and Daigneau, will be all they'll need for an offense.

The Agawam defensive backs may not be tested on long passes. They will have to come up and make plays, however.

Last year, Cathedral beat the Brownies in a driving rainstorm, 34-6.

AGAWAM NOTES: Common opponents — Cathedral vs Longmeadow (w 14-6), Greenfield (w 29-8), Minnechaug (w 44-7), and Central (w 35-0). Agawam was beaten by Longmeadow, 32-6. They beat Greenfield, 22-8. Minnechaug beat the Brownies, 27-13. Central beat Agawam, 35-19.

This will be the fourth home game in a row for Agawam. We hope Harmon Smith Field will be full.

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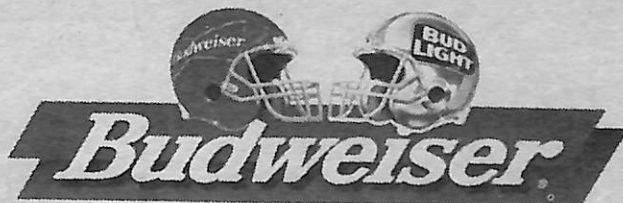
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Game Was A Clinic On How To Win And How Not To Lose...

Brownies Bow To Central In AA Conference Football Action

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

A good writer could have penned a novel on the Agawam High, Central High football game last Friday night up at cold Harmon Smith Field.

The Brownies lost, 35-19, in the AA Conference game to the defending Super Bowl champs. This game was a clinic on how to win and how not to lose. This game reinforced that great statement by Vince Lombardi, "Football is blocking and tackling." Both teams did it to a point. Central, who won't be going back to the Super Bowl this year, just did it better.

There is another factor here and it goes like this, "If it's and but's were candy and nuts, it would be a great Christmas."

What if senior Brian Gallagher hadn't been injured (another separated shoulder)? What if senior linebacker Marc Pedraza didn't get a tomahawk chop (to the throat in the second half)? We'll tell you about that a little later. And we have to tell you everything about this game.

If you weren't there and you follow every facet of Agawam athletics, then you were probably up at Central watching the girls' soccer team (because the MIAA, in their wisdom, had them playing the Golden Eagles) in a tournament contest, losing 3-0, thus breaking up fan support.

Agawam could have used it. Central, in the end, won both games.

Agawam was only going to win this one with ball control, simply because Central has the top back in these parts; 5'9", 180-pound Shg'ki Wheeler. He gained 163 yards on 22 carries. They also had junior fullback (5'10", 190-pounds) Corey Jackson, who came up strong running the ball 13 times, ringing up 165 big yards with two scores.

Agawam, on the other hand, had Gallagher (13-40). When he was in there, Gallagher was the archetypal running back (big, strong, and fearless) and a brute of a linebacker. Unfortunately, he has wings of glass in 1998. That separated left shoulder he suffered in the first game of the season against Greenfield came back to haunt him Friday night. More on that later.

Locals Win Kickoff

Agawam won the kickoff and went no where. Quarterback Brian St. Jean, who has a gifted leg, blasted a 42-yard punt from their own 38, down to the Central 10-yard line. The Eagles went to work. It was obvious from the get-go they were going to ram the ball right at AHS.

They started off at 9:12 of the first quarter and wound up in the Agawam endzone five plays later at 6:44. Wheeler ran the ball four times, gaining 43 yards, including a big, 25-yard effort. Jackson had 10 yards. Quarterback Sean Legacy finished it off with a one-yard run, making the score (after a blown kick) 6-0.

Agawam was going to stay in this game for the time being by what it did next. Junior running back Dave Moore covered the kickoff at the Agawam 19-yard line. This was going to be complete ball control. They did the same thing Central did on its previous possession - smash-mouth football.

The Brownies took the ball at 6:36 of the first quarter at their own 25 and simply drilled a good Central defense. The offensive line of Mike Lovely at center, guards Mike Wood and Eric Pederson, and tackles Frank Ferrantino and Thomas Sexton, all mean and tough, led the group down the field. It was ball control the whole way - like a parade.

Coach Dean Vecchiarelli's offense worked well this time and put everything into the mix. Gallagher ran for 20 yards on seven carries. St. Jean had 21 yards on the ground and junior Jason Daigneau, who is becoming an outstanding option runner, had runs of 25 and five yards.

St. Jean passed twice to confuse the defense. It all translated into a 71-yard, 19-play, four-minute-plus assault on the Eagles that saw Agawam go up 7-6, when St. Jean went one yard into the endzone off the option.

Both teams gave up the football on their next two possessions. Central had great field position on the Agawam 43 with 4:10 left in the first half. This rally was the beginning of the end for the Brownies.

After a safety blitz by St. Jean, which knocked down a Central pass by Legacy, the Eagles decided it was time to go back and run. Wheeler gained nine, where he was hit big time by Alex Almquist and St. Jean. Jackson picked up three. Wheeler and the Eagles were looking at a first and 10 at the Agawam 30-yard line.

Gallagher Hurt

The hand-off went left. Wheeler had the football. Gallagher was there to meet him on the wing. It was a deflected hit. It was an All-Western Mass. linebacker against an All-Western Mass. running back. Gallagher lay on the ground. His

shoulder was sprung and the big backer wouldn't return.

Central took full advantage of Gallagher's demise. Their great tight end, Greg Devine, who Vecchiarelli said has more speed than any receiver in Western Mass., outran everyone en route to a 25-yard touchdown pass from Legacy with 2:24 left to make it 14-7, Central, at the buzzer. "We can't lose Brian at linebacker and expect good things to happen," Vecchiarelli said.

The second half saw what was so obvious in the Vince Lombardi school of football. You block and you tackle and you win. Central was on the kickoff starting the second half. Remember, in our preview of this game last week, we said that Agawam's offensive and defensive lines were bigger than Central's.

Remember that we also said it doesn't matter. You win in the trenches because you are meaner and tougher on a particular night. The Golden Eagles, frustrated by Agawam's ability to stop them all across the line of scrimmage, made an adjustment. And it showed four plays into their kick-off reception to start the second half. They had the boot on their own 35. Wheeler ran for 37 yards. Jackson had 20 more. Then Gary Huff, a little used fullback of short stature (5'3", 130 pounds), went around the left end on a trap counter. Twenty-three yards later, he was in the endzone. The kick made it 21-7, Central.

Agawam had some good defense on Central's next series. Bob Fuller stepped up, as did Almquist. They took the ball over on downs at their own 24 and the nightmare continues. Pedraza, perhaps the best natural athlete on the team, was filling in for Gallagher as a fullback and linebacker. There were 6:11 to play in the third quarter. Pedraza and St. Jean started to march the team down the field. Daigneau got a big-time bone bruise on his left arm and had to sit out. While he was riding the pine, Pedraza got that chop to the throat. He sat on the bench for perhaps three minutes. Trainer Dave Stratton

checked him out. Pedraza's throat was beginning to swell. Stratton, in a great judgement call, didn't like what he was seeing. The kid could have suffocated. Stratton called the ambulance. They got there and took Pedraza off.

Agawam came back. In perhaps the new dawn of a new Agawam running back, senior Mike O'Connor stepped up. And it is too bad he is a senior. After Pedraza got hurt, St. Jean wouldn't be denied. He is a kid who can throw a football on a straight line for 50 yards. In baseball, he can bring it in about 90 miles an hour.

They broke on a pass play down the middle of the field. O'Connor, who is an outstanding runner as well as a pass catcher, was open. The yardage stripe was the 49 of Central. The pass was as perfect as it could have been diagrammed. O'Connor broke over the middle, took the ball over his left shoulder, and ran for paydirt. Agawam came up with the score to make it 21-13, Central, on that 49-yard effort.

It was over after that, though it didn't have to be. Agawam kicked it off. On Central's first run from scrimmage at its own 41-yard line, Jackson went up the middle. On another trap (football is blocking and tackling), he ran over an Agawam defense which didn't have Gallagher or Pedraza at linebacker. It was a 59-yard score. "They weren't there. We have no excuses," Vecchiarelli growled afterwards.

Central scored again with 9:31 left in the fourth quarter on a 13-yard run by Jackson. He went left and saw his offensive line bury the Agawam defenders. That made it 35-13, Central.

Agawam scored with 8:04 left. O'Connor did it with a second effort on a 33-yard war up the left end. He managed that run after Daigneau, coming back from the big bone bruise, raced around the end on a 35-yard option run.

It was over. Agawam now has lost two in a row. They currently stand at 3-5 and 1-4 in the AA Conference. Central is 5-3 and 3-3.

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CINDI ALFANO

Cindi Alfano Ends Second Season On Clark's Soccer Team

Cindi Alfano, a 1997 graduate of Agawam High School and four-year varsity soccer player, recently finished her second season starting for Clark University's women's soccer team.

Clark finished the regular season undefeated with a record of 16-0-1, an NCAA number-one New England rank, and a number-six national ranking.

The Clark women played in the NCAA quarter-finals at Tufts University on November 7th, and finished with an overall season record of 17-2-1.

Final Standings For Agawam Soccer Assoc.

U12 BOYS	W	L	T	P
Sadowski's Attack	9	1	2	20
Moysis' Bulldogs	8	1	3	19
Nawskon's Killer Bees	6	5	1	13
Little's Fighting Irish	4	6	2	10
Prisby's Flames	0	12	0	0

U10 BOYS	W	L	T	P
Morassi's Rockets	10	2	0	20
Kopyscinski's Blue Jays	8	2	3	19
Vershon's Black Hawks	7	4	2	16
Goncalves' Agawam Spirit	6	4	2	14
Parent's White Sharks	4	5	3	11
Gonyeau's Invaders	4	5	3	11
Mongeau's Yellow Jackets	3	4	4	10
Lane's Blue Falcons	1	9	2	4
Walsh's Orange Cruch	1	10	1	3

UNDER 17 CO-ED	W	L	T	P
Spear's Red	9	0	0	27
Kelly's Blue	5	4	0	15
Comee's Green Destroyers	4	5	0	12
Campana's Orange	0	9	0	0

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Agawam Parks & Recreation and Games & Lanes will co-sponsor "Youth Floor Hockey" beginning Monday, November 23rd.

Teams will include boys and girls, ages eight through 13 and co-ed leagues for ages eight through 10 and 11 through 13.

The season will include eight games and playoffs. Team shirts will be supplied. Participants must supply their own equipment.

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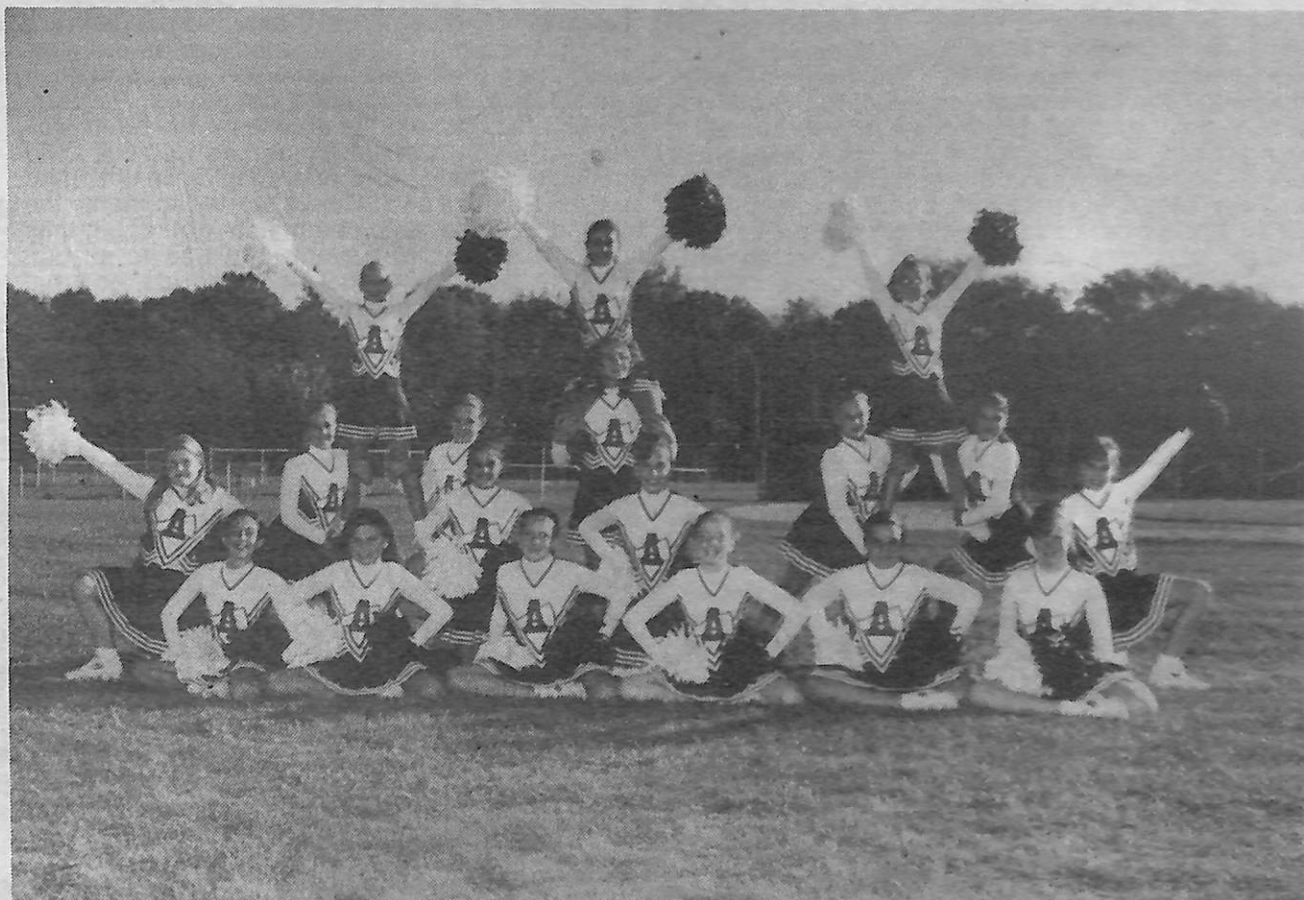
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Let's Hear It For The '98 Youth Cheerleaders!



THE 1998 AGAWAM SENIOR YOUTH CHEERLEADERS. Sitting: Linda Kelley, Christin Cilimberg, and Jillian Nunziato. Kneeling: Ashley Macey, Andrea Greaney, Ashley Boyle, Malena Rogers, and Amber Paro. Standing: Jessica Lemieux, Stephanie Aversa, Stephanie Juliano, Maria Doulakis, Lauren Heiden, Sarah Huffman, Erica Kelley, Alicia Linder, and Erinn Gormley. Assistant: Ashley Lorraine. Coach: Irene Lemieux. Assistants: Amy Piccin and Jessica Forni.



THE 1998 AGAWAM JUNIOR YOUTH CHEERLEADERS: Sitting: Corinne Cardin, Nicole Woszczyna, Jennie Clark, Abriana Spagnoli, Samantha Petros, and Toni Harnois. Kneeling: Jillian Joyce, Andrea Doulakis, Nicole Bushey, and Jacqueline Svadeba. Bases: Ami Sullivan, Jennifer Back, LeeAnn Morytko, Jessica Santinello, and Kaitlin Chase. Tops: Kelli Sullivan, Brittany Ramah, and Lauren Learned. (Not pictured: Coach Sue Svadeba and assistants Kate Chmura, Jenna Bodurtha, and Marie Svadeba.)

Final Standings For A.S.A In-Town Girls And Co-Ed Soccer

U-10 GIRLS
Maloney's Titanics (Co-Champs)
Marsh's Black Shadows (Co-Champs)
Pfau's Mad Dogs (2nd Place)
Olson's Golden Eagles (3rd Place)
Brewsters's Strikers (4th Place)
Prout's Blue Twisters (5th Place)
Wood's Blue Jays (6th Place)
Ruhl's Blue Marauders (7th Place)
Morace's Orange (8th Place)

U-12 GIRLS
LaValley's Green Vipers (1st Place)

Lyman's Gold Diggers (2nd Place)
Rollins' Blue Typhoons (3rd Place)
Gould's Blue Lightning (4th Place)
Morace's Red Dynamite (5th Place)
Zmaczynski's Orange Tigers (6th Place)

U-14 CO-ED
Fournier's Agawam Gunners (1st Place)
Adams' Smashing Pumpkins (2nd Place)
Veighey's Green Monkeys (3rd Place)
Heneghan's Blue (4th Place)
Vinton's Gold (5th Place)

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Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

Shotgun Season For Deer Opens 11/30

Just a few quick notes. Shotgun season for deer opens on November 30th, the first Monday after Thanksgiving. The Division reports that there was an under-subscription for antlerless deer permits in zones nine, 10, and 14.

According to the Division, these three deer management zones were under-subscribed by 2,300, 1,900, and 1,300 permits this year!

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Coon hunters are having some good runs with the hounds this season. Several friends with hound packs are keeping busy with their nighttime pursuits. Old Blue has been getting a workout in the valley cornfields. The raccoon population is increasing, after being devastated by the rabies epidemic.

Overpopulation by raccoons gave the rabies outbreak a running start, and the population was thinned substantially. This does not mean that the epidemic is over. Caution is still very much called for when handling raccoons, either dead or alive.

Owners of hunting dogs should not let down their guard when it comes to rabies. Even if your pet never goes beyond the backyard, the danger of exposure to infected wildlife continues.

FISH REPORT FRESH WATER

Large yellow perch and crappies are schooling up in the Connecticut River. Look for them around the mouth of the Agawam and Chicopee River. Try using small maribou jigs tipped with a pinhead shiner. Early morning seems best, but dress warm!

Congamond Lakes continue to provide action on trout and bass. The cool water temperatures dictate a slow presentation for the bass.

SALT WATER

Surf fishermen from the Jersey coast to the Cape and North Shore are singing the tune "Happy Days Are Here Again," or more correctly, "Happy Nights." The fall migration is at its peak in most areas.

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If you are headed offshore in the coming weeks, pay very close attention to the weather forecast! It can get pretty rough in a hurry. Be sure to wave when you pass by. I will be the guy in the boat whose rod is bent double under the weight of a trophy fish.

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Guest What???...

Catholic University Remains In 1st Place In Tri-Parish Bowling

Despite a disappointing night on the lanes on Monday, November 2nd, Catholic University managed to remain in the lead in the Tri-Parish Bowling League.

At 21.5-10.5, Catholic U. is just a tad ahead of second-place contender Holy Cross, 20-12. St. Mary's is in third with a record of 18-14.

The middle-of-the-packers include Boston College (16.5-15.5), Fordham (16-16), St. Anselm's (15.5-16.5), Notre Dame (15.5-16.5), and St. Michael's (15.5-16.5).

Bringing up the rear of the league are St. Louis (13.19) and perennial cellar-dweller Georgetown (11-21).

On the first Monday evening of November, each contest ended in a score of 3-1 (for the uninitiated bowling aficionado, that means the winning team won three games over its opposition).

Therefore, without further ado, here is this week's rundown on the latest Tri-Parish action: Boston College over Fordham, Holy Cross over Catholic U. (this was a bit of an upset), St. Michael's over St. Anselm's, St. Mary's over St. Louis, and Georgetown over Notre Dame (this was definitely an upset).

For the second week in a row, RON "The Don" MENARD was the men's leading scorer, thanks to his 129 single string and 363 triple string. GLENN "Not Sam" ADAMS was second with his 123 single and 342 triple.

The other burly men of the lanes on November 2nd were BILL "Black and Blue" GRAY (129, 331), "Luscious" LOU MULDER (129, 329), "Jolly" OLLY MULDER (123, 329), "Richy" RICH SNYDER (132, 323), and BILLY "The Kid" ALDRICH (136, 320).

A sense of deja vu was also prevalent among the gals, as "The Mighty" DEB POIRIER (138 single string, 364 triple string) was the highest scoring lady once again. JAN "Not The Man" FULLER also shined on this particular night, thanks to her good-for-second-place 121 single and 336 triple.

Meanwhile, "Testy" BETSY CANNON (112, 313) was determined not to be ignored, as were FLO "Go With The Flow" ROCHFORD (118, 311), MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (106, 291), "Merry" TERRI DION (113, 289), and "Sly" VI MASSOIA (101, 285).

Taekwondo Ctr. To Host Defense Prog. For Young Women

The American Hapkido and World Olympic Taekwondo Center will host a Self-Defense Program, "Ready to Date: Secure Your Fate," designed for young women ages 12-17.

This program is a three-part workshop on self-defense and preventative strategies for this age group. In today's society, we take preventative measures for our children regarding their health and well-being.

We try to insure that their lives are safe and secure, but as they grow older, we can't, and won't, always be with them on every excursion, outing, or group trip. These workshops are designed to keep young women aware, trust their instincts, and be prepared to protect themselves.

The dates for the Monday evening workshops are November 23rd, November 30th, and December 7th at the American Hapkido and World Olympic Taekwondo Center, 1342 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, from 6:15-7:15. There is no charge for these workshops as it is part of the Community Service Project offered by the American Hapkido and World Olympic Taekwondo Center and sponsored by the American Hapkido Association.

Pre-registration is required by November 20th. For more information or to register, contact Joannie Wollmerhauser at the American Hapkido and World Olympic Taekwondo Center at 789-1001.

Agawam Pee Wee Warriors End Season With A 6-2 Record

The Agawam Pee Wee Warriors finished their winning season on Sunday, November 1st. Unfortunately, the last game of the season was a loss to the Holyoke Knights, 22-0.

Overall, the Pee Wee Division had a very successful year with a lofty 6-2 record. Up until the last game of the season, the Warriors' awesome defense only surrendered 12 points in seven games while scoring 72 points.

The potent offense was led by QB Joel Bailey, who completed numerous passes to WB Geoff Trexler, LE Rashad Wright, and RE Zachary Smith.

Once again, the Little Hogs were the key to victory. C Charles Barbarisi, RG Patrick McKeever, RT Mark Jeserski, LG Thomas Barker, and LT Philip Mokrowski blew away their defensive opponents for FB Colin Hensel and TB Dominic Moccia to pound out a great offensive running game.

The awesome defense was led by a linebacking corps of MLB Charles Barbarisi, LLB Colin Hensel, and RLB Dominick Moccia. The defensive ends were the key to stopping the outside running game — DLE Rashad Wright and DRE James Ricco.

The safeties were the key to stopping the passing game. LS John Dominick and RS Nicholas Sleich put many fearful tackles on their opponents. Once again, the Little Hogs were the key to success — DRT Mark Jeserski, DRG Thomas Baeker, DLT Phillip Mokrowski, and DLG Patrick McKeever.

The killer "B" defense was led by the linebacking corps of MLB John Dominick, LLB Brendan McNeish, and RLB Geoff Trexler.

Outstanding performances were turned in by Jake Ferretti, Mark Hardy, Chris Cross, John LaCroix, Robert McTaggart, John Rossi, Evan Spear, Ryan Kelly, and Antonio Green. These players helped make the killer "B" defense a very formidable force.

The Pee Wee Division would like to thank Coach Kirk Parker for his leadership and commitment to the Pee Wee program. We would also like to thank all the coaches and parents for their time, support, and understanding, and also the AYFL board of directors.

All the coaches would like to thank each and every Pee Wee football player for their attention and dedication.

Signups Being Held For Spring Season By Agawam Soccer Assoc.

Pioneer Valley Soccer Signups

The Agawam Soccer Association will be holding signups for spring Pioneer Valley Soccer on Saturday, November 14th from 3:30-5:00 p.m. and December 5th from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Public Room at the Agawam Library.

The Pioneer Valley League has pushed up their timetable for submission of rosters and passes, so if you plan on playing in the spring, it is MANDATORY that you sign up on time!

In-Town Spring Soccer Season Is Back!

The Agawam Soccer Association will also be taking signups for a spring in-town league soccer season for ages seven through 14.

Details about this program will be available at the aforementioned signup dates.

High School Players

The spring season is an opportunity for all high school players to also join PV and play in their appropriate age/grade groups.

As in the past, Agawam Soccer will submit as many teams as we have registered players. Please note that the December 5th signup is the LAST time you will be able to register to play in the spring.

If not enough players are signed up at this time, we cannot submit rosters for these teams. Please encourage your teammates and friends to sign up on time!

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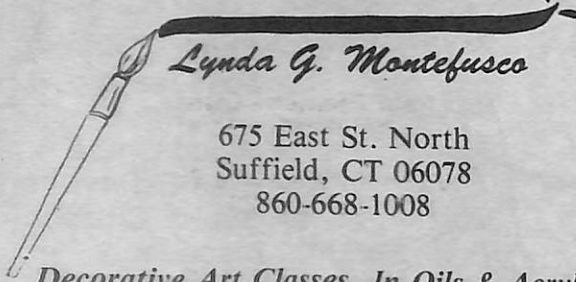


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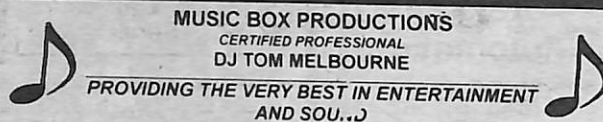
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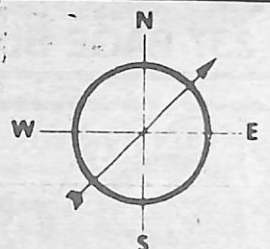
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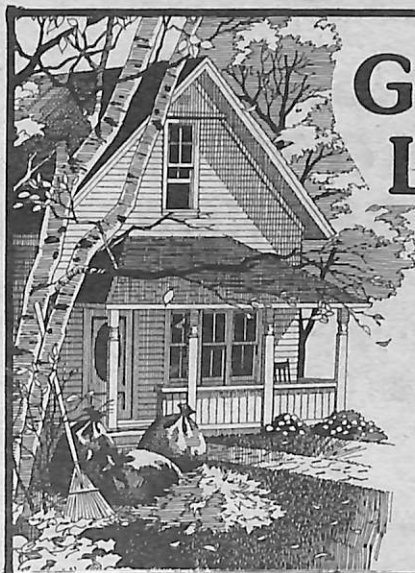
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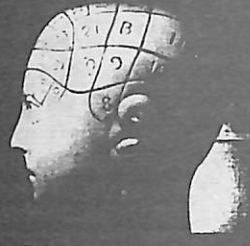
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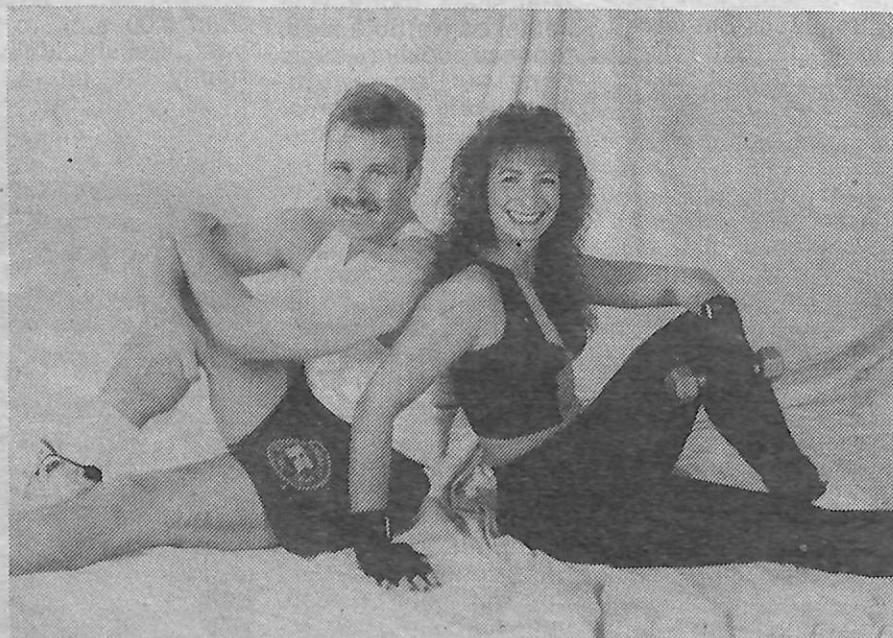
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